



THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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To all Heads of State and Heads of Governments

Excellency,

The Governments of the Republic of Kenya and the Kingdom of Denmark, together with UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, are convening the *Nairobi Summit on ICPD25: Accelerating the Promise*, which will take place from 12 to 14 November 2019 in Nairobi, Republic of Kenya. On behalf of the co-conveners, I am pleased to invite Your Excellency to participate in the Summit. Your presence will enrich the deliberations and help ensure successful outcomes.

This Summit marks the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the landmark Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) by 179 governments and other stakeholders in Cairo, Egypt, in 1994. It intends to galvanize change and mobilize leadership in addressing persistent and emerging challenges related to the ICPD Programme of Action. The Summit will also mobilize political and financial momentum to advance the ICPD agenda, as indispensable in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular around harnessing the demographic dividend, reducing (at a minimum) preventable maternal and child mortality, the unmet need for family planning, and eliminating violence and harmful practices against women and girls.

The Summit will also offer an inclusive platform for Member States and a broad range of other stakeholders to support a set of global commitments that would collectively advance the ICPD agenda. These global commitments will be complemented by concrete and specific national commitments. The Summit, convened at the highest level, will bring together Member States of the United Nations, parliamentarians, local governments and authorities, international financial institutions, inter-governmental organizations, community-led organizations and networks of young people, women's groups, traditional and non-traditional leaders, civil society organizations, private sector partners and academia.

A programme will be shared shortly and additional details are available at www.nairobisummiticpd.org. I look forward to your participation in this important Summit which will accelerate the promise of ICPD25 and transform the lives of women and girls across the globe.

We would appreciate receiving confirmation of your participation; the dedicated email address is nairobisummit@unfpa.org. For further information, your office may wish to contact Dr. Jennifer Butler, Global Coordinator of ICPD25, at butler@unfpa.org.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Dr. Natalia Kanem
Under-Secretary-General



UNFPA is proud to co-convene the *Nairobi Summit on ICPD25: Accelerating the Promise* with the Governments of the Republic of Kenya and the Kingdom of Denmark.