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 - 1. Has the ICPD PoA helped advance the cause of SRHR?**
 2. What impact will the conclusion of the ICPD PoA have?
 3. Would a new ICPD PoA after 2014 be desirable?
 - 4. Could the EU support a new global consensus on SRHR that is as strong as the ICPD PoA?**
- Key findings & conclusions

SRHR & the international community

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UN

- UN CPD Resolution (2009)
- UN Human Rights Council Resolution on Maternal Mortality and Morbidity (2009)
- World Health Assembly Resolution on health related MDG (2010)
- MDG Report "Keeping the Promise" (2010)
- UN MDG Summit Outcome Document (2010)
- UN SG Global Strategy on Women's and Children's Health (2010)

World Bank

- World Bank RHAP 2010-2015

SRHR & the international community

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G8

- Muskoka Initiative
- Consensus for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health
- Parliamentary Appeal

Global Fund

European Union

- Commission's 12 Point Action Plan in support of the MDGs
- 1 bn € EU MDG Initiative
- Parliament – comfortable majority



Survey – Question 1

Has the ICPD PoA helped advance the cause of SRHR?

YES!

- Historical importance for SRHR
- Powerful advocacy tool
- Influence on domestic policies
- Strengthened financial support for SRHR
- Has put family planning & SRHR on the agenda

BUT!

- Has the reality matched the theory?
- The influence of the opposition



Survey – Question 4

Could the EU support a new global consensus on SRHR that is as strong as the ICPD PoA?

- 2 great challenges at present:
 - Political opposition
 - Global economic downturn
- 2 opportunities within EU:
 - Making silent countries speak!
 - Winning over opposition
- Importance of NGOs' role
- Forging alliances with USA & developing world
- Need for strong leadership at UN level (UNFPA, UN Women)



Outlook

What is going to happen?

- SRHR political framework is likely to be dispersed across many sectors and settings
- Will SRHR be sidelined at the cost of new focus areas (climate change, population ageing, communicable diseases)?
- Which place for SRHR in new development policy framework focusing on inclusive growth and leverage of funding?



Outlook

What influence will the indefinite prolongation of the ICPD PoA have?

- Do we lose specialised & focused SRHR framework that was afforded to it by the ICPD PoA through its indefinite prolongation?
- Is there enough political will to make progress on certain issues (such as unsafe abortion, youth SRHR & sexuality education) after loss of clear end date?
- Hunger exists for framework to discuss future of SRHR & make progress, but what kind of framework should it be?
- Specific concentration on unfinished ICPD PoA agenda? Merging ICPD PoA and MDGs in MDG+ framework?

Thank You



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