

ECA 's FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES TOWARDS ICPD+5

1. January – March 1998
Preparation and Dissemination of Country Questionnaires on the Implementation of the DND and the ICPD-PA

Questionnaires were sent to all member States to assess factors and constraints in national implementation of the DND and the ICPD-PA in the following areas: Population and development strategy and policy; Gender equality, equity and empowerment of women; Reproductive rights and reproductive health; partnerships with the NGOs, the private sector and community participation; Advocacy and IEC strategies; Monitoring and evaluation; Resources mobilization for the implementation of population policies and programmes.

As of now, 35 questionnaires were completed and sent to member States.

2. 24-27 March 1998, Nairobi, Kenya
Seminar on Population Policy organized by the Joint ECA/OUA/ADB Secretariat

Seminar organized at the sub-regional level to give policy makers and researchers an opportunity : (i) To share experiences in formulation, implementation and evaluation of population policies and programmes; (ii) To review progress made in population activities in the sub-region since the adoption of the DND and the ICPD-PA, including efforts made towards resource mobilization for population programmes; (iii) To promote networking among African countries in population studies.

3. April – May 1998
Undertook Field Missions to Identify Constraints, Best Practices and Success Stories in Selected African Countries

FSSDD recruited 2 consultants to undertake field missions and identify constraints, success stories and best practices in the implementation of the DND and the ICPD-PA in the following 12 African countries: Uganda, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Cameroon, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia, Lesotho, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Senegal. Two major reports were prepared by the consultants: one on the implementation of policies, programmes and laws related to RH and RR in Africa and, the other, on constraints and best practices in the implementation of the DND and the ICPD-PA.

- 4. 6 – 7 May, 1998**
FSSDD with OAU and ADB convened the First Meeting of the Working Group of the Follow-up Committee on the Implementation of the DND and the ICPD-PA.

The meeting which was held in Dakar brought together major African Institutions, RIPS, IFORD, IDEP, CERPOD and UNFPA To make proposals for: (i) inputs of sub-regional population and development Institutes and Centers to ICPD+5; (ii) guidelines for preparation of an African Common Position at the UN General Assembly on the implementation of the DND and the ICPD-PA; (iii) new orientations for the programme of work of the Follow-up Committee: 1999-2003 and an agenda for the Third Meeting of the Follow up Committee.

- 5. August, 1998**
Preparation of First Draft of a Report on the African Experience in the Implementation of the DND and the ICPD-PA according to outline suggested by the Task Force of the Joint Secretariat and produced by FSSDD.

A consultant was recruited to analyze completed questionnaires and utilize reports submitted by the two consultants mentioned under 2 above and findings from Workshops including country presentations to prepare a draft analytical report on the African Experience in the implementation of the DND and the ICPD-PA for presentation at the Third Meeting of follow-up committee in September 1998.

- 6. 20 August, 1998**
FSSDD's meeting with CST in Addis Ababa and UNFPA, Addis Ababa

To Discuss modalities for revising the first draft of the Report submitted by the consultant. Terms of Reference for CST contributions were discussed and agreed upon.

- 7. 14 – 18 September, 1998**

Mr. Sing , Consultant recruited by UNFPA headquarters will be in Addis Ababa to review the Report with FSSDD.

8. 23 - 25 September, 1998
Convene the Third Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of ICPD and DND in Addis Ababa

Experts on Population and Development from about 30 member States will : (i) discuss successes and challenges in the implementation of the DND and the ICPD.PA at the country; and, (ii) Review and endorse the revised Report on the African Experience in implementing the DND and the ICPD-)PA, including key future actions needed to accelerate progress. The revised Report will include reports from training institutions, CSTs based in Addis Ababa, Dakar and Harare and comments of the UNFPA consultant.

9. 25 - 28 January, 1999
Convene the First Meeting of the ECA Committee on Sustainable Development

The CSD will, among others, review progress achieved by member States in the implementation of global and regional Plans of Action including the DND and the ICPD-PA; address specific measures and policies that would facilitate the demographic transition in Africa. The meeting will review the revised report taking into account the comments of the Follow-up Committee, but with focus on the last Section on Follow-up Initiatives.

10. 22 - 27 February 1999, The Hague
International Forum

Participate in the review of national and international experience in the implementation of the ICPD-PA, lessons learned, success stories, constraints encountered and identify key future actions for further implementation of the Programme of Action. The Summary of the Report on the implementation of the DND and the ICPD-PA adopted by the ECA Committee on Sustainable Development will be presented.

11. 10-15 May 1999, Abuja, Nigeria
Third General Assembly of the African Population Commission (APC)
 (ECA/OAU/AfDB serve as secretariat of the APC)

High-level Officials of National Population Commissions will discuss and agree on the format and content of the Draft Statement on African Experiences with the implementation of the DND and the ICPD-PA for transmission to the ECA Conference of Ministers and, thereafter, to the OAU Council of Ministers/Summit of Head of States.

**12. May 1999, Addis Ababa
Twenty-Fourth Meeting of ECA Conference of African Ministers
responsible for Economic and Social Development and Planning**

The main findings from the review and appraisal of the implementation of the DND and the ICPD-PA will be presented and the Draft on African Experiences will be discussed and eventually adopted as African Statement at the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

**13. 1st Week of June 1999
OAU Conference of Ministers/Summit of Head of States**

The Draft Statement on the implementation of the DND and the ICPD-PA will be submitted for endorsement.

**14. June, 1999, New York
African Group at UN Headquarters**

The African Statement on the implementation of the DND and the ICPD-PA will be sent for information to the African Group.

**15. 30 June - 02 July , 1999, New York
Special Session of the UN General Assembly**

To consider outcome of the review and appraisal of the ICPD-PA. The African Statement will be delivered.