



3rd National Conference to  
Reposition Family Planning  
Democratic Republic of Congo  
*Kinshasa, December 3-5, 2014*

## **TOPIC: FAMILY PLANNING, PILLAR OF THE DRC'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **I. CONTEXT**

The DRC will be holding its 3rd National Conference to Reposition Family Planning in Kinshasa on December 3-5, 2014.

The DRC has committed to reposition FP in the past decade, with its first conference organized in 2004 and its second conference held in 2009.

The 2009 Conference led to a series of recommendations and to the implementation of follow-up mechanisms, including the Permanent Multisectorial Technical Committee (PMTTC), a consultation framework for FP stakeholders (technical divisions of the government, donors, and national and international implementing organizations).

This framework facilitated:

- The Government's Declaration of Commitment to Family Planning, made by the Prime Minister's Advisor at the International Conference on FP in Addis Ababa in November 2013.
- The allocation by the Government of funding for the purchase of contraceptives.
- The RH/FP bill to replace the 1920 law inherited from colonial rule, which prohibits the promotion and sale of contraceptive products.
- The official launching of the National Strategic Plan on Family Planning for 2014-2020, aiming to increase contraceptive prevalence from 6.5% in 2013 to at least 19% in 2020.
- The inclusion of family planning among the six strategies to accelerate the achievement of the MDGs 4 and 5.

## **II. OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE**

**In the long-term:** Make family planning a strategic intervention to enable the DRC's emergence by 2030.

**In the short-term:**

1. Increase FP visibility in order to raise more funding from the government and donors in the health sector;
2. Mobilize other partners from the private sector and faith-based organizations;
3. Emphasize youth's access to family planning services.

## **III. CONFERENCE'S PROGRAM:**

**The official opening ceremony** of the conference will be held on December 2, 2014 from 3pm to 4:40pm. Registration of participants will take place from 10am to 3pm.

**Main topic of the conference:** Family Planning, Pillar of the DRC's socio-economic development

**Sub-topics:**

1. Family Planning and the Demographic Dividend
2. Youth and Family Planning
3. Family Planning, the Private Sector and Religion

Each day will be dedicated to a sub-topic, including a plenary session, 6 parallel sessions (3 sessions in the morning, 3 in the afternoon). The final session of the day will consist of several parallel "mini-workshops" for skills development.

**Roundtable:**

A Roundtable on the implementation of the National Strategic Plan for Family Planning 2014-2020 will be held on December 5 in the afternoon. Participation in the roundtable is limited to members of the Government and donors present at the conference.

**The official closing ceremony** of the conference will be held on December 5 from 4pm to 5pm.

**Venue:** Hôtel Béatrice (reference: Kinshasa's main Train Station).

**Guests:** The 11 Provincial Ministers of Health, the 11 Provincial Ministers of Gender, the 11 Provincial Inspecting Doctors and 11 Provincial Coordinators of the PNSR, 11 Representatives of the Provincial Assemblies, and 1 Senator.

**Expected number of participants:** 350.

**Language of the conference:** French.