

ANSER CONFERENCE

"LEVERAGING EVIDENCE TO SAFEGUARD SRHR ON THE POLICY AGENDA"

6-8 May 2026
Brussels, Belgium

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ANSER FELLOWS 2026

ANSER is setting up a mentoring scheme during the ANSER Conference 'Leveraging Evidence to Safeguard SRHR on the Policy Agenda' organised between the 6th and the 8th of May 2026 in Brussels. Building on the success of the 2024 edition, we are pleased to repeat this initiative. In the scheme, a junior participant is linked to a senior ANSER member attending the conference, to form an ANSER Fellow duo.

OBJECTIVE

The ANSER Fellows 2026 mentoring scheme aims to strengthen the professional development of both junior and senior participants through intergenerational connections. For junior attendants, a connection with a senior can provide frameworks and background information on the conference themes as well as the network's history, and can support networking with other participants. For senior ANSER members, it offers valuable insights into the perspectives, priorities, and challenges faced by emerging experts in sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

EXPECTATIONS FROM FELLOWS

Both young participants and senior ANSER members are expected to:

- 1) Join the ANSER Fellows 2026 online introduction meeting in April 2026
- 2) Meet once online with their ANSER Fellow in the month before the ANSER Conference to get to know each other, discuss expectations from the ANSER Fellow scheme and optimise participation in the Conference
- 3) Meet at least once with their ANSER Fellow during the ANSER Conference to network together
- 4) Meet online in the month following the ANSER Conference to discuss potential follow-up and continued collaboration

- 5) Complete a brief evaluation survey after the ANSER conference to provide feedback on the ANSER Fellows 2026 scheme

PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

- Young participants
 - Registered for the ANSER conference
 - Max. 30 years old at 6-8 May 2025 the conference
- Senior participants:
 - Registered for the ANSER conference
 - Active ANSER member
 - Holds a senior position

SELECTION PROCESS

The ANSER secretariat will contact participants registered for the ANSER Conference that meet the criteria mentioned above to ask if they want to participate. If so, they are asked to send their bio. The secretariat will then pair the duos and inform all participants about their fellow.