



POLICY IMPACT DAY

9th February 2024

PROGRAMME

9:00 Registration & Welcome Coffee

9:30 **Welcome**

- Prof. Olivier Degomme – Director ICRH & ANSER, Ghent University
- Mr. Orry Van de Wauwer – Member of the Belgian Federal Parliament

9:40 **High-Level Panel 'Global Commitments, Regional and National Action: Policy Priorities to Strengthen Sexual and Reproductive Health Worldwide'**

Moderator: Prof. Olivier Degomme – Director ICRH & ANSER, Ghent University

Speakers:

- Mrs. Caroline Gennez – Belgian Minister of Development Cooperation
- Mrs. Florence Bauer – UNFPA Regional Director for Eastern Europe & Central Asia
- Mr. Martin Seychelle – Deputy Director General, DG International Partnerships (INTPA), European Commission

10:30 **Interactive session 'Breaking Barriers: Achieving Equitable Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Medicines'**

Moderator: Prof. Gunta Lazdane – Riga Stradins University

Speakers:

- Mrs. Emma Shiffman – Access to Medicine Foundation
- Mrs. Kathleen De Poorter – Belgian Federal Parliament
- Mrs. Sarah Hulsmans – Sensoa
- Mrs. Gwendoline Delbos-Corfield – European Parliament

11:30 **Coffee Break & Group Picture**

11:50 **Interactive Session 'Defending Dignity: Upholding Rights in Challenging Times for Sexual and Reproductive Health'**

Moderator: Micah Grzywnowicz – IPPF EN

Speakers:

- Mr. Fourat Ben Chikha – Belgian Senate & Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- Dr. Patricia Owira – International Centre for Reproductive Health Kenya
- Mr. Roméo Matsas – Director Plan International Belgium & Chair Belgian Advisory Group on Gender and Development ARGO CCGD

12:40 **Networking lunch**

For invitees only - Meeting between young attendees and policymakers

13:40 **Interactive Session 'Innovating for Impact: Unlocking the Potential of Technology in Sexual and Reproductive Health'**

Moderator: Dr. Bernardo Vega – Cuenca University

Speakers:

- Mr. Frederic Seghers – Clinton Health Initiative
- Dr. Frank Strelow – Bayer
- Mrs. Karen Melchior – European Parliament

14:30 **Coffee Break**

15:00 **Interactive Session: 'Sustainable Futures: Exploring the Intersections of Climate Change and Sexual and Reproductive Health'**

Moderator: Prof. Elin Larsson – Karolinska Institutet

Speakers:

- Mr. Chiagozie Udeh – UNFPA
- Mrs. Aly Beeman – Ylabs
- Mrs. Severine de Laveleye – Belgian Parliament

15:50 **Closing**

- Prof. Olivier Degomme – Director ICRH & ANSER, Ghent University
- Mr. Orry Van de Wauwer – Member of the Belgian Federal Parliament