

## Youth Declaration 2023: Our pledge to drive change across the globe

**We the youth together with our partners and stakeholders, hereby declare our commitment to empowering young people and ensuring a sustainable future through the Global Youth Connect project. With unwavering dedication to the principles of inclusivity, equality, and youth-centred approaches, we pledge to work tirelessly towards the following:**

- **Access to Age-Appropriate Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) Information:** We recognize the fundamental right of every young person to access accurate, comprehensive, and age-appropriate SRH information. We declare our commitment to increasing access to such information, ensuring that young people have the knowledge and tools necessary to make informed decisions about their reproductive health.
- **Meaningful Youth Participation:** We firmly believe that young people should be active participants in governance, management, and programming. We declare our commitment to providing platforms and opportunities for meaningful youth participation within the Global Youth Connect project. We will actively seek and value the opinions, ideas, and perspectives of young people, ensuring that their voices are heard and their contributions are recognized.
- **Strengthening Collaboration and Exchange of Ideas:** We recognize the power of collaboration and exchange of ideas among young people. We declare our commitment to fostering a vibrant network that connects and amplifies IPPF youth communication channels. Through the Global Youth Connect project, we will facilitate the collation, sharing, and debating of youth participation practices, tools, standards, policies, and ideas. We aim to create a dynamic space for young people to learn from one another and collectively drive positive change.
- **Ensuring Sustainability:** We acknowledge that sustainability is vital for the long-term impact of the Global Youth Connect project. We declare our commitment to strategizing and implementing measures that ensure the project's sustainability beyond its current phase. Through partnerships, dedicated funding, and capacity building initiatives, we will strive to create an enduring framework that continues to empower young people and advance the IPPF youth agenda.
- **Strengthening Relationships and Effective Communication:** We recognize the importance of strengthening relationships and promoting effective communication among all stakeholders involved in the project. We declare our commitment to organizing an in-person meet-up week, where the Global Youth Connect think tank members and grants management team will review project progress, strategize for the future, and strengthen their relationships. This physical interaction will enhance productivity, foster effective communication, and focus our efforts on achieving the project's deliverables.



**Together, we stand united in our commitment to empower young people, advance their sexual and reproductive health rights, and create a sustainable future. We call upon all stakeholders, partners, and young people to join us on this transformative journey.**

**Let us work hand in hand to build a world where young people thrive, participate, and lead with confidence.**

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