



**STATEMENT**  
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**AT THE VALIDATION OF GHANA'S COMMITMENT**  
**STATEMENT FOR THE NAIROBI SUMMIT ON ICPD25**

**DATE: 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

**VENUE: LA PALM ROYAL BEACH HOTEL**

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**Protocol:**

- **The Minister of Planning**
- **Chief Director - Ministry of Planning**
- **Director General of NDPC**
- **Representatives of CSOs**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen**

Dear Colleagues.

Your participation this validation process is very key and will help us mobilize social and the political will that is urgently needed in terms of commitments to fully implement the ICPD Programme of Action and meet the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

Twenty-five years ago, in 1994, 179 countries adopted a landmark ICPD Programme of Action (PoA) which has been regarded as one of the most



significant global actions taken to address population, poverty reduction and sustainable development issues.

In less than two weeks, and under the leadership of UNFPA, as the global custodian of the ICPD, and the UN agency responsible for ensuring the rights and choices of all, will together with governments review the achievements and challenges in the implementation of the 1994 PoA. They will map the way forward in all in areas of the 1994 PoA with focus on the importance of sexual and reproductive health, women's empowerment and gender equality.

UNFPA will as an organization leverage this momentum to:

- Mobilize political and financial support.
- Strengthen old partnerships and galvanize news ones in search for novel solutions.
- Secure a consensus package on how to fully implement the ICPD PoA for the full benefit of humanity.

UNFPA worked with the Government of Ghana (NDPC, NPC and MoP) had consultations with key stakeholders at different levels and came up commitments that we are all here to validate.



With barely two weeks to go before the Summit, I encourage you to take this opportunity to make Ghana's commitment a solid, smart and an accountable one. Indeed, the heart of the Summit will be a set of voluntary national and global commitments that will serve as a framework to guide nations in ending the unfinished business of ICPD and contributing to the achievement of the SDGs by 2030.

I also urge you to also visit the conference website and make individual, family and institutional commitments aside the national one.

Thank you.