

Mark This Anniversary With Action

On This We All Agree

World Leaders Statement in Support of ICPD

In 1994, at the **International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD)** in Cairo, Egypt, the world's governments and civil society committed to an **action plan** to ensure universal access to **reproductive health** information and services, uphold fundamental **human rights** including sexual and reproductive rights, **alleviate poverty**, secure **gender equality**, and **protect the environment**.

Since 1994, both the public and private sectors have made substantial efforts to transform the ICPD's 20-year-plan into reality. **Meaningful gains** have been made, but **much remains** to be done. The largest generation of adolescents in history – more than one billion young people – are now entering adulthood in a rapidly changing world. The exponential increases in **HIV/AIDS**, persistently high levels of **death and ill health** due to preventable complications **from pregnancy and childbirth**, inadequate access to family planning services, and weak public health systems are still major challenges.

We are deeply concerned that the **gap between rich and poor** is growing and that millions of the world's people, but especially women and young people, are highly vulnerable to HIV/AIDS, sexual coercion and violence, discrimination, and other violations of their human rights.

We call on leaders in every walk of life to join us in **reaffirming the ICPD's vision for human development**, social justice, economic progress and environmental preservation. We call on the international community, national governments and private philanthropic organizations, to prioritize and **fund the ICPD Programme of Action**. By signing this leadership statement, **we pledge to do our part**.

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