

Subject: Attending the ICFP in Kigali? Join IUSSP on 14 Nov 10:25 in AD12

Come join the discussion: Family planning, fertility and urban welfare in the rapidly growing cities of sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia: Policy implications

Date: **Wednesday November 14, 18 10:25 -11:40**

Venue: **Kigali conference center, Room AD12**

Five leading experts will address the pressing issues of Family Planning, fertility and welfare in urban sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. These regions are expected to expand their urban populations by more than 2 billion by 2050. Our high-powered panel will focus on the implications of high and heterogenous levels of urban fertility and will highlight some solutions.

- What aspects of urban life must researchers, policy makers and program implementers take into account in both research and policy design?
- What do we need in terms of data, analysis and evidence to convince policy makers to invest in focusing on the sexual and reproductive health needs and welfare of urban residents?
- What aspects of the diverse urban populations complicate the task of comprehending unmet needs?
- What program elements have been found to hold promise in increasing access to these services for disadvantaged groups in these settings?

Panelists

Ilene Speizer, Research professor in maternal and child health, and faculty fellow at the Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC). She is co-PI of the Measurement, Learning & Project for the BMGF-funded Urban Reproductive Health Initiative programs and leads the Full Access, Full Choice: Expanded Method Choice for Adolescents and Youth project.

Joyce Mumah, is currently an Independent Consultant, and previously worked at APHRC as an Associate Research Scientist on the Strengthening Evidence for the Programming on Unintended Pregnancy project, African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC).

Siddharth Agarwal, Executive Director of the Urban Health Resource Centre (UHRC) in New Delhi. Trained as a physician, his work encompasses medicine, public health, community empowerment, urban health, and policy and program support to governments.

Eliya Zulu, Executive director of the African Institute for Development Policy (AFIDEP).

Zeba Sathar, Country Director Population Council Pakistan will moderate the session.

