

INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION

Board of Trustees
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Agenda Item: **A SUCCESFULL GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATED ITEM**

FOR DECISION: Date options on the General Assembly

Summary: In 2019, the General Assembly (GA) approved the governance and financial reforms. In November 2022, IPPF will regroup at its next GA, guided by a clever agenda that allows the trustees and the MAs to exercise their official duties, with plenty of time for 'networking', individual and organizational fulfilment. The GA will be located in Bogota, Colombia; hosted by two external MCees with ample space for MA's to hear from and engage with the Chair/trustees and get to know IPPF Committee members.

Option	Date¹	PROS	CONS
1.	W/C 14 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BoT agreed date.• Will be ready to discharge our statutory obligations by this date, but not before.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IFPC 14-17 in Thailand. Likely to lose colleagues across all regions
2.	W/C 21 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coalesce around the Int'l Day to End VAWC• Statutory obligations discharged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Likely to lose US colleagues because of Thanksgiving.
3.	W/C 28 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unite proceedings around World Aids Day.• Statutory obligations discharged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WAD activities – likely to lose colleagues from countries where World AIDS Day is a milestone event.• Starting to move into peak tourist season. Unlikely to be able to negotiate current rate later than this and travel costs may have started to increase. (Peak tourist season December to March).

How?

The GA schedule will allow for a main track and individual tracks which are flexible - *supported by a virtual booking system and a capable, multilingual and accommodating logistic team pre and located on site*. There will also be:

¹ With a BOT pre-meeting requested it is anticipated that all trustees would arrive the day before.

- Series of plenary sessions, interspersed with group activities, smaller workshops, field trips, opportunities for personal development and fulfilment
- Marketplace with 'spotlight' stands to learn more through case study and peer to peer knowledge transfer
- Bi-lateral opportunities and equally, quiet spaces for reflection
- Wheelchair accessible
- Gender neutral signage

The GA Agenda will be a platform for intellectual and aspirational engagement; punctuated with icebreakers and energisers to keep the mood and energy levels positive. There will be time and space for reflection and consultation, a

- Keynote from a big hitter / representation from Colombian SRHR Champions
- An environment where younger participants will be seen and heard, with opportunities to drive the GA dynamic
- A place for donors to engage in dialogue; including an opportunity for donors to get closer to the MA's

Challenges and lessons from Delhi:

1. An inclusive agenda that gives precedence to important process points, leaving enough room for joy and spontaneity. Make the boring stuff fun; make it short, punchy and powerful
2. Ensuring the message is clear in all languages and that it is repeated in different ways across the programme
3. Ensuring young people have the same rights as the ED or the Presidents. Ensure staff – especially admin and junior staff are respected. Zero tolerance for poor behavior.
4. Ensuring young people include those from outside the volunteer system, including marginalised young people and young people that contribute to IPPF as paid employees, service users and more
5. Ensuring newer MA's feel as powerful as those that have proven their place via years of commitment
6. Get the logistics right; everyone needs to be comfortable before they can listen and participate
7. Member and Secretariat Staff Inclusion needs to be seamless across in-person and virtual participation; so that all participants have a sense of history in the making
8. Tell a clear, compelling story that is multi-directions and cross generational
9. Ensure those that are seeking healthcare in Bogota are discreetly supported to do so and that all are vaccinated before the GA.

What the General Assembly Is	What the General Assembly is Not
A valuable investment & part of our constitution	A waste of money & time
Opportunity for individuals and MA's to learn from each other	Segregated & partisan agenda
A time to hear from the leadership team	One way dialogue
A new strategy = a defining moment in IPPF's history	A repetition of everything we have heard already
An accessible, joyful 70 th Celebration	Boring agenda, out of touch social activities
Resolution and consensus	Confrontation
Learning and sharing	Intimidating and reinforcing of hierarchies

This GA will likely be hybrid; to ensure the buzz persists beyond Colombia we will:

- Create a daily highlights package for everyone beyond the GA²
- Ensure the remote audience engages via time with speakers and participants
- Create local HUBs where plenary sessions are streamed out and participants can make on screen interventions

Build the buzz; and ensure it is felt across the GA, by...

- Offering a digital and IRL community where dialogue happens
- Photo and video opportunities
- Competitions / Graffiti wall
- Thought spaces; mini GA thinkers and doers collective

² Pre event communications create a sense of anticipation, teasers, video content, getting involved, preparation, Profamilia team will be supported to create personal mini video stings, letting us know what the host city is like, for them.

