

Agenda Item: IPPF General Assembly 2022 Update

Summary:

The IPPF General Assembly 2022 (GA) is the highest decision-making body within IPPF. The Board Oversight Group, as defined in the March 2022 Board Meeting, has been working to ensure the agreed deliverables at the GA will be met; and to define the tone and themes of the agenda.

This paper presents the GA draft agenda and key logistics, in particular highlighting how we will deliver on meaningful youth participation and leadership leading into and at the GA. This update also shows progress on the Strategy 2028 (refer to agenda items 2 and 9), and other key deliverables including meeting our governance requirements, endorsement of IPPF's statement on Anti-Racism, Awards, and 70th Anniversary celebrations. This paper also presents the MA Engagement Plan, which details the proposed role of the trustees in the preparation of MAs for the GA.

Action Required:

1. The Board to note the paper.
2. The Board to approve the IPPF GA agenda and themes.
3. The Board to approve the inclusion of the awards in the GA oversight group's scope of work.
4. The Board to define its role as GA sponsors in MA engagement.

General Assembly Agenda and Logistics

The Board of Trustees is invited to review the agenda, verifying that the proposed agenda sets a suitable framework within which to deliver the objectives of the GA, as laid out in [March 2022 Board Meeting](#).

Youth Participation preceding and at the GA

A Steering Committee of youth MA Board Members from each region and one BoT Member, Surakshya Giri, will oversee the youth forum that proceeds the GA with support from the ACRO RD. They have met to define the theme, objectives, expectations and name of the meeting, as well as to develop the methodology for engagement and impact. The Board Oversight group will work with the group in co-creating the agenda and concept. Once defined, a special communication will be launched to delegates to celebrate that the theme and plans for the youth moment have been defined. Surakshya Giri plays an important role, sitting on both the GA Steering Committee of youth and the GA Board Oversight Group. She will be the link between the youth organisers and the BoT, as well as ensuring that the results of the Youth Forum and reflected throughout the GA.

Strategy 2023-2028 – Please refer to Strategy Board Paper for a fulsome update.

Governance Requirements

The GA will consider proposed amendments to IPPF Regulations and Procedural Byelaws with the replacement of the existing Treasurer position with that of a Vice Chair. The proposed amendments will be presented at the June BoT meeting for review and recommendation.

As trustees are aware, the Nominations and Governance Committee (NGC) is working towards the renewal of the four trustees' seats that will be confirmed by the GA in November 2022. Equally, the NGC will be recruiting for the three seats that will rotate off at the next GA meeting in order to ensure institutional memory of that governing body. The newly recruited members will be approved by the GA. *The BoT is expected to support the Oversight Group in undertaking the engagement with the MAs to get their buying of the amendments to the Regulations and Procedural Byelaws.*

Statement on Anti-Racism

A project plan has been developed to ensure meaningful dialogue with Member Associations with a view to co-creating the Statement of Anti-Racism for IPPF. This statement will be a springboard to integrating our SOGIE and gender efforts – moving away from a project approach toward ensuring we embody and fully operationalise intersectional thinking in our programming, funding and ways of working. It will inform the development of the charter, which will be triggered on the approval of the strategic plan at the GA.

Bience Gawanas, Vice Chair of BoT will be engaged throughout the process as the Chair of the BoT Sub-committee for anti-racism working closely with the Anti-racism Working Group (ARWG). Bience will lead on several MA engagements over the period June-August in obtaining their contribution to and endorsement of the statement. The intention is that by the end of the process there will be full support of the Federation's members before arrival in Colombia for the GA and the historical sign off on the statement.

The timeline for delivery on the statement will include meetings with the expanded working group and the Board of Trustees sub-committee as well as formation of a MA Task team, to be constituted and begin meeting in June. A first draft of the Statement on Anti-racism will be circulated in the federation in mid-June, with a Townhall consultation the same month. Final draft statement to be submitted to the Board Subcommittee for pre-approval (mid-August) before submission to the board for final approval of the statement in September.

IPPF's 70th Anniversary

IPPF's 70th Anniversary will be celebrated across four key platforms:

Pre GA:

- As part of the MA engagement plan, a 2-3 min video will be commissioned to show IPPF's 70 history and the road to Colombia for the GA.

At the GA:

- Timeline will of IPPF history, will be a point of interest winding down the 42m lobby/networking area.
- 70th anniversary panel discussion.

- 70th anniversary dinner at an external restaurant, with speeches and LGBTQ+ vogue performance.

Each of the four outputs will be based on the themes of **Celebrating** what IPPF has Achieved, **Forward Looking** (based in the IPPF Strategy 2028), **Accounting** for where we have been and what we have done, and **Transforming** ourselves.

This paper invites BoT to reflect on and approve the themes and tone of the 70th celebrations.

Awards

IPPF 2022 Awards will celebrate those who have shown outstanding creativity, courage, resilience, and solidarity in defending sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). The awards will honour those who have inspired us, for example, to greater inclusion or better governance or who have shown outstanding personal dedication and determination in delivery of SRHR services or advocacy, including during the pandemic and in humanitarian settings. The Board of Trustees' Working Group overseeing General Assembly preparations will select the Award winners from among the nominations received. It is proposed that this task be included in the SOW and overseen by the GA oversight group.

MA Engagement Plan

The GA Oversight Group is developing an MA Engagement Plan, with the primary objectives to ensure all MA representatives rally behind the key deliverables of the GA and have a say in how those are formed. Trustees will be charged with ensuring MA's are aware of the decisions to be taken and have a full sense of the content to be discussed and decided at the GA. Engagement channels includes dedicated meetings, GA website, email updates from the official GA email (GeneralAssembly2022@ippf.org), updates in the MA Forum, and video messages from key people. The MA engagement plan includes a series of 5 town halls, with leadership from Board Members, focused on preparing MAs, including 2 specifically for youth representatives.

Trustees will dedicate **specialized one-to-one dialogues with priority MAs** between July and November. The objective is to prepare MAs who require additional support to fully engage with the GA deliverables, in particular the governance and strategic decisions to be taken at the GA.

Regional Directors play a vital role in mapping MAs according to the level of support needed and scale of existing engagement and influence in the Federation. The Regional Directors will also support BoT Members to foster and nurture relationships with priority MAs to facilitate dialogue. Each BoT member will be provided with an information pack including:

- Clear instruction on the desired outcomes of the engagement
- GA deliverables to focus on
- Questions to generate active listening

Timeline:

1. Up to BoT meeting in June: Mapping of MAs and planning connections

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2. June-August: BoT speaking on Town Halls and planning dialogues
3. August-November: Intensive and strategic MA engagement by BoT

This paper invites the Board of Trustees to define and approve the scope of the Board Sponsors' role and the preferred channels of engaging with MAs.

ⁱ Please *note* the key logistic decisions made according to requirements laid out in the [June 2021 Board Meeting](#).

1. Dates: General Assembly 22-24 November, Youth Forum 21 November, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (IDEVAW) 25 November
2. Venue: Grand Hyatt Bogotá, Colombia.
3. Hybrid event: The GA will be streamed to Zoom, to ensure accessibility to those unable to travel. A digital voting system to maximise accessibility.
4. Interpretation: Four IPPF languages (Arabic, English, French, Spanish).