

**Board of Trustees**  
**29 September 2022**

**Refers to**  
**agenda item 3**

**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 March 2022 Board Meeting, has been working to ensure the key 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 the plans laid out for Youth Participation, Strategy 2028, Governance Requirements, Statement on Anti-Racism, Awards, and 70<sup>th</sup> 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:**

- The Board to review the GA detailed agenda and assign BoT speakers to each of the speaking positions highlighted in yellow reserved for BoT members.
- The Board to consider outcomes of indicative strategy vote, voting procedure for resolutions at the GA, business planning alignment, and MA feedback to date.
- The Board to note the project committees and timeline for the charter and rebrand.

**GA Detailed Agenda**

The detailed draft GA agenda with suggested speakers can be found in the annexed document. Day 1 (21<sup>st</sup> November) is the Global Youth Forum, the agenda has been designed by the Youth Steering Committee, a sub-group of MA youth representatives from each region, with Board Member Surakshya Giri as the Board focal point.

In the GA agenda of Days 2-4 (22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November), there includes agenda items 3 and 5 which refer to governance and Secretariat accountability and decisions to be taken by the GA on new appointments and amendments of IPPF regulation and byelaws. Agenda item 2.6 will include the final approval of IPPF Strategy 2028.

Speaking positions have been reserved for BoT members on every panel discussion within the GA agenda Days 2-4. These are highlighted in yellow for BoT to self-assign to roles according to interest and expertise.

Please see supporting document 'Agenda COME TOGETHER BUILD THE FUTURE 26 August'

**Outcomes of the indicative strategy vote**

The indicative vote on the IPPF Strategy opened on 20 July. All MAs were invited to submit a vote through the board chair or youth representative. The vote offered a choice to endorse or not to endorse the strategy as it is currently written. Both choices included a requirement to qualify or explain the decision to endorse or not to endorse the strategy. The vote was open until 30 August, at which point 77 of the 108 eligible MAs had submitted their vote. Only one had not endorsed the strategy. A total of eight votes came in after the deadline. These were included bringing the total to 85 MA that voted, of which one MA did not endorse the strategy. 23 eligible MAs did not vote. The votes came from all regions of the federation and were cast by both large and smaller MAs. In percentage terms, 78% of all eligible MAs endorsed the strategy, and 99% of all that voted endorsed the strategy.

### **Support for resolutions**

A Resolutions Committee is formed at the beginning of the IPPF GA and supported by one member of Secretariat staff. It can be composed of three MAs delegates, plus the Honorary Legal Counsel and a Support staff. Each agenda item will have its own decision approved following the presentations, conversations, clarifications. The Resolutions Committee shall only focus on resolutions of general nature such as a vote of thanks.

To conduct smooth and hassle-free voting, detailed planning and organisation need to be done. Several aspects play an important role in the selection of an online tool for voting. After comparing available popular online tools like Mentimeter, Survey Monkey, and Google Forms; it is proposed to use "[SurveyMonkey® - SurveyMonkey.com](https://www.surveymonkey.com)" to facilitate the voting process at General Assembly in November 2022.

Please see supporting document 'Note on Voting during the General Assembly 27th July 2022'

### **Business planning alignment**

The IPPF Strategy 2028 is only as good as its implementation. The most important step towards transformative implementation is the planning and budgeting cycle for 2023-25, which is currently under way. After the successful completion of the indicative vote, the Secretariat issued communications to all MAs encouraging a strong alignment with the new strategy and its commitments. Specifically, the updated Business Plan scoring rubric was shared with all MAs. The scoring rubric will be used by the Technical Review Team (TRT) who will assess the MA Business Plans. In addition to the standard criteria, the scoring rubric contains twelve key focus areas from the strategy, which are regarded as essential for delivering on the strategic goals. The regional offices have also engaged with members at different levels to discuss strategic alignment of MA business plans and strategies with IPPF's Strategy 2028. Lastly, the MAs will have a series of virtual dialogues with the Board and C-SIP members during August and September about how we deliver on our strategic commitments. The Secretariat will undergo a similar process to the MAs.

### **MA feedback to date**

BoT MA Engagement Plan is underway and the BoT is reporting on its dialogues with MAs in preparation for the GA.

Youth Representatives from across the MAs have expressed a wish for global networks and improving connection between young people in different MAs, with appreciation of the role youth networks play in delivering CSE. Youth Representatives have also expressed the wish

to see tangible commitment to youth participation throughout the GA and all IPPF decision-making.

In preparing the GA agenda the CSE Centres of Excellence expressed strong interest to present their work at the GA.

### **The IPPF Charter and Global Rebrand**

The Charter will build on the sexual rights declaration and other Federation policies to explicitly state a set of core values statements that MA's and the Secretariat will inform, endorse and sign. The Charter will act both as a Southern star and as a guard rail for our Federation's integrity. Although the content will arrive in the process of deeper consultation, its ambition is to be faithful to, and realise Strategy 2028. The process will include robust dialogue, and we will approach it with a commitment that goes beyond organizational architecture and closer to the lived realities of the communities we work with. The charter will be signed by all members (and the Secretariat) whether grant receiving or not. It doesn't replace policy, accreditation standards or outline benefits of membership but summarises the values that lie at the core of the Federation. It does not replace finance agreements or other documents that detail contractual obligations.

The IPPF rebrand will use the IPPF charter as a foundation and starting block to represent the transformational IPPF. The process will include a committee of expert MAs with powerful brands and effective communications. The General Assembly represents an opportunity for Federation-wide reflection on IPPF's aspiration for a new look and feel.

To be successful, the Charter and the re-branding will need to ride the momentum created by the approval of the new strategy at the General Assembly. Preparations for a Federation wide process are well underway, but it will not be launched until this time, and will also build on the energy and dialogue that will come from the 70th ('platinum') anniversary celebrations. It needs a strong mandate from this General Assembly and support from the C-SIP and you as the BoT to ensure final GA approval end 2023.

### **Youth Participation**

A Youth Steering Committee with a representative of each region plus the host MA and the youth trustee from the Oversight Advisory Group has been working together with the secretariat to define the youth participation in the General Assembly. The expectation is that the youth trustee will be the communication channel with the Oversight Advisory Group to ensure that she brings the perspective of the BoT. Youth Steering Committee members are:

Name	Affiliation	Region
Rom Reaksa	MA Cambodia	ESEAOR
Katerina Ivanova	MA North Macedonia	ENRO
Mwape Kaunda	MA Zambia	ARO
Mariam El Jabali	MA Lebanon	AWRO
Fathimath Shaanaa	MA Maldives	SARO
Isabella Herrera	MA Colombia	ACRO

Fernanda Guzman	MA Mx	ACRO
Surakshya Girl	Oversight Group	BoT

In order to have a meaningful participation of youth delegates, the Youth Steering Committee has defined a Youth Pathway towards the General Assembly that has the following steps:

1. A national consultation with MAs youth volunteers that responded to the questions: What are the priorities of your MA regarding youth and adolescents? What would you like them to be? What are your expectations for Strategy 2028? How do you think that the Strategy can be implemented in your MA? What would you like to highlight from the Strategy? What would be your main recommendation for IPPF? The systematization of the consultation is attached in ppt. (June 2022)
2. Based on the results of the national consultation, a Youth Townhall to identify a common agenda with youth thematic priorities for the implementation of the Strategy 2028 was developed. The results will be available in a graphic version that will be displayed in the General Assembly. The recording is available in the General Assembly website, we had 47 young delegates participating. (27 July 2022)
3. A Youth Townhall to prepare their participation in the General Assembly. This will include participation of people that were youth in Delhi that will give them recommendations to participate and get connected with the ED and the Board. It will be an induction session on the main governance decisions that are going to be done and the agenda of the General Assembly. (October 2022)
4. The Youth Forum: Diverse Youth with One Voice on November 21<sup>st</sup>. The event will start with a theater performance from the winners of the Profamilia youth national contest. The morning sessions will be on youth participation in the MAs work, youth led accountability for the implementation of the strategy 2028, and how to engage youth volunteers (which has been a challenge since covid). The afternoon sessions will be on the thematic priorities of the Strategy landing in the recommendations to be shared during the first day of the General Assembly.