

Board of Trustees

20 - 21 June 2024

Agenda Item 10: Membership Committee Report to the Board of Trustees

Summary:

This report contains a summary of the agenda items considered and discussed by the Membership Committee at its virtual meeting on 23rd May 2024.

Action Required:

The Board of Trustees **to consider** the individual requirements under each subheading.

Membership Committee

Report to the Board of Trustees

The following attended the 23rd May 2024 virtual meeting of the Membership Committee (MC):

Committee Members:

Ulukbek Batyrgaliev, Chair
Ann Hendrix-Jenkins, Member
Vinod Kapoor, Member
Gédéon Perphyte Endzena Okali, Member

Ex-officio:

Aileen McColgan, Honorary Legal Counsel
Alvaro Bermejo, Director-General

IPPF Secretariat:

Marie-Evelyne Petrus-Barry, Regional Director, Africa
Eugenia Lopez Uribe, Director, Americas & the Caribbean
Fadoua Bakhadda, Regional Director, Arab World
Tomoko Fukuda, Regional Director, ESEAO / Acting Regional Director, South Asia
Micah Grzywnowicz, Regional Director, European Network
Manuelle Hurwitz, Director, MA Development & Impact
Achille Togbeto, Director, Governance & Accreditation
Karen Watson, Governance & Accreditation Adviser

Observer:

Hayathe Ayeva

Minutes Taker:

Eleanor Phelan

1. ACCREDITATION REVIEW OUTCOME

Membership Committee reviewed the accreditation review outcome of the following Member Associations that underwent an accreditation review under accreditation phase four:

- **Lebanon** - Lebanese Association for Family Health
- **Malaysia** - Federation of Reproductive Health Associations, Malaysia
- **Papua New Guinea** - Papua New Guinea Family Health Association
- **Solomon Islands** - Solomon Islands Planned Parenthood Association
- **Albania** – Center for Population and Development
- **Bosnia & Herzegovina** – Institute for Population and Development
- **Denmark** - Sex & Samfund - The Danish Family Planning Association
- **Georgia** - Association HERA XXI
- **Latvia** - Papardes Zieds
- **Maldives** - Society for Health Education

Noting that there are standards with which these Member Associations do not yet comply and are taking steps to remedy this, the Member Associations of **Lebanon, Malaysia; Solomon Islands; Albania; Bosnia & Herzegovina; Denmark; Georgia; Latvia; and Maldives** cannot currently be re-accredited under the fourth accreditation phase and will remain accredited members of IPPF, under accreditation phase three, with no change to their membership status; and the Member Association of **Papua New Guinea** will remain an Associate Member of IPPF.

➤ **Action required: BoT to note this information**

2. ACCREDITATION REVIEW FOLLOW-UP

The Membership Committee reviewed the progress reports of the following two Member Associations that underwent an accreditation review under the fourth accreditation phase:

- **Philippines** - Family Planning Organization of the Philippines
- **Sweden** - Riksförbundet För Sexuell Upplysning

Noting that there are standards with which these Member Associations do not yet comply and are taking steps to remedy this, they cannot currently be re-accredited. The respective Regional Offices should continue monitoring the implementation of the follow-up action plans within the period agreed. During that period, the Member Associations of **Philippines** and **Sweden** will remain accredited members of IPPF, under accreditation phase three, with no change to their membership status.

➤ **Action required: BoT to note this information**

3. NAME CHANGE

The Membership reviewed the report on the name change of the New Zealand Member Association, from Family Planning New Zealand to **Sexual Wellbeing Aotearoa**.

Sexual Wellbeing Aotearoa better reflects the current life and times of the organisation and the people they work with, especially young people. Sexual Wellbeing Aotearoa is clearer and more direct. "It says, you're safe here with us, we care that you're well and that you're well informed".

The legal name remains Family Planning but the organisation is trading as Sexual Wellbeing Aotearoa.

➤ **Action required: BoT to note this information**

4. UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCREDITATION PHASE IV

Membership Committee reviewed the report on implementation of Accreditation Phase IV which provided an update of the global situation as of the end of April 2024.

The report included the accreditation Phase IV schedule for conducting reviews in each Region and an analysis of the post-accreditation questionnaires submitted by the Member Associations following their accreditation review.

Nineteen reviews have been conducted during this period; two MAs reaccredited and another due to be reaccredited at the June 2024 meeting of the Board of Trustees. Good Practices have been documented in the following MAs:

- Albania – Removing barriers to provide SRHR services to Sex Workers
- Bosnia & Herzegovina – Provision of CSE
- Denmark – Hour calculator
- Sri Lanka – Monitoring and Evaluation Information Management System (MEIMS): A Comprehensive Solution for Efficient Organizational Performance Data Management

The Membership Committee was also given a presentation on analysis of Phase IV accreditation data. Although limited to a data set of just nineteen Member Associations, analysis so far demonstrates that the top areas of compliance with IPPF Membership Standards include MAs being SRHR civil society organisations that conform to relevant legislation and work according to their statutory documents; they provide high quality information and services throughout a person's life cycle; using validated data to inform decision making and improve performance; with strategies to promote SRHR for all, without discrimination; and with individual membership open to all that are committed to IPPF's vision, mission and value.

Areas of the highest non-compliance Standards were related to the role and responsibilities of the governing body: - regular rotation and tenure of members; review and renewal of the governing body; appointment, support and appraisal of the Executive Director; integrity and collective responsibilities in the interest of the MA; and categories of membership and voting rights of governing bodies at all levels of the MA.

➤ **Action required: BoT to note this information**

5. RECRUITMENT OF NEW AFFILIATES IN COUNTRIES WHERE IPPF HAVE LOST MEMBERS SINCE 2019

Membership Committee reviewed the report detailing the efforts taken by the secretariat to recruit affiliates in countries where IPPF have lost members since 2019.

Twenty-six Member Associations have departed from IPPF since 2019 to date, for a variety of reasons ranging from resignation, expulsion, and separation with the former Western Hemisphere Region of IPPF.

Recruitments are going well with new Member Associations in six countries and collaborative partners in a further 16 countries. This includes a number of former members of the Caribbean Family Planning Affiliation that have gained Associate Membership in their own right or are now Collaborative Partners in the process of undergoing the due diligence process to apply for Associate Membership.

➤ **Action required: BoT to note this information**

6. RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCREDITATION – PHASE III

The Membership Committee reviewed the accreditation review follow-up report of the Member Associations of Sierra Leone, which was found to be in full compliance with IPPF Membership Standards under the third accreditation phase, and **recommends** to the Board of Trustees that the **Planned Parenthood Association of Sierra Leone** be re-accredited as a Full Member of the Federation.

This final accreditation concludes Accreditation Phase III.

➤ **Action required: BoT to approve this recommendation**

7. RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCREDITATION – PHASE IV

The Membership Committee reviewed the accreditation review follow-up report of the Member Associations of Bahrain, which was found to be in full compliance with IPPF Membership Standards under the fourth accreditation phase, and **recommends** to the Board of Trustees that the **Bahrain Reproductive Health Association** be re-accredited as a Full Member of the Federation.

➤ **Action required: BoT to approve this recommendation**

8. UPDATE ON EXPULSION RECOMMENDATION

Membership Committee reviewed the update on the recommendation to expel the Namibia Member Association from IPPF and noted the failure of the MA, in its appeal against expulsion, to provide justifiable reasons why the expulsion recommendation should be revoked.

Membership Committee **recommends** that the Board of Trustees complete the process to expel the **Namibia Planned Parenthood Association** from IPPF.

➤ **Action required: BoT to approve this recommendation**

9. APPLICATIONS FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

9.1. Membership Committee reviewed the application for Associate Membership submitted on behalf of the IPPF Collaborative Partner in Laos. Noting that the application meets the requirements, as outlined in Procedure 6 of the IPPF Standards and Responsibilities of Membership, the Membership Committee **recommends** the application for IPPF Associate membership, from the **Promotion of Family Health Association of Lao People’s Democratic Republic**, be approved by the Board of Trustees.

➤ **Action required: BoT to approve this recommendation**

9.2. Membership Committee reviewed the application for Associate Membership submitted on behalf of Brook, based in the United Kingdom. Noting that the application meets the requirements, as outlined in Procedure 6 of the IPPF Standards and Responsibilities of Membership, the Membership Committee **recommends** the application for IPPF Associate membership, from **Brook**, be approved by the Board of Trustees.

➤ **Action required: BoT to approve this recommendation**

9.3. Membership Committee reviewed the application for Associate Membership submitted on behalf of the IPPF Collaborative Partner in Kenya. Noting that the application meets the requirements, as outlined in Procedure 6 of the IPPF Standards and Responsibilities of Membership, the Membership Committee **recommends** the application for IPPF Associate membership, from **Reproductive Health Network Kenya**, be approved by the Board of Trustees

➤ **Action required: BoT to approve this recommendation**