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Global Partners in Action: NGO Forum on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Development

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Background

2009 marks the 15th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), a landmark conference held in Cairo, Egypt, in 1994 that put the need for universal access to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights at the heart of sustainable development. This is an opportunity to review progress, celebrate achievements and plan for the future challenges. Civil Society actors all over the world have played an important role in the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action.

The Global NGO Forum

Global Partners in Action: NGO Forum for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Development aims to strengthen NGOs working in partnership to advance Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for sustainable development in an uncertain and interdependent world. *Global Partners in Action* is led by NGOs and is for NGOs. The Forum will be a highly interactive working meeting, where participants will be able to contribute to breakout sessions, as participants, facilitators, resource persons or rapporteurs and share their work and experiences. Plenary sessions featuring high level speakers will also inspire *Global Partners in Action*.

The Outcomes

The outcomes from discussions in the various sessions will feed into the Berlin Call to Action and the Strategic Options for NGOs. The Berlin Call to Action is envisioned as an advocacy tool for NGOs to share with governments, parliamentarians and other stakeholders to make their voices heard. The Strategic Options for NGOs is foreseen as a medium term road map to ensure that this Forum charts a way forward for enhanced efforts towards the achievement of the ICPD Programme of Action in synergy with the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 and beyond.

Participation

There will be 400 participants at *Global Partners in Action* representing NGOs working in different fields of health and development from as many countries, regions and networks as possible along with other stakeholders. Youth participation is also a priority and a commitment has been made to have at least 25 per cent of participants under the age of 30.

Discussions leading up to the Forum

Regional and national discussions leading up to the Forum will take place where possible. The objective is to promote discussion among NGOs on key questions related to the assessment of ongoing progress and needs, successful approaches, remaining barriers, ways forward and additional needs relating to the ICPD agenda. These discussions aspire to ensure broad participation and to inform the Forum and any subsequent follow-up efforts on how to implement the ICPD Programme of Action.



Venue

The Estrels' address is: **Sonnenallee 225, 12057 Berlin**, in the south-east region of down town Berlin, just 6 km (15 minutes) from famous Friedrichstrasse, Unter den Linden and Brandenburg Gate. (www.estrel.com)

How to get there

- If you come to Berlin by train to Berlin Central Station ("Hauptbahnhof") take Bus M 41 till Stop Ziegrastrasse. From there it is a 5 minutes walk to the Hotel (left side of Ziegrastr you can see the hotel complex).
- If you come by airplane you will land either at Airport Berlin Tegel or at Airport Berlin Schönefeld
- From **Airport Berlin Tegel** by public transport to the Estrel Hotel (commuting time approx. one hour). Take the Bus TXL, (direction Mollstr./Prenzlauer) till Berlin Central Station ("Hauptbahnhof"), there you switch to Bus M41 (direction: Sonnenallee/Baumschulenstrasse) till station Ziegrastrasse. From there it is a 5 minutes walk to the Hotel (left side of Ziegrastrasse you can see the hotel complex).
- From **Airport Berlin Schönefeld** by public transport to the Estrel Hotel (commuting time approx. 40 minutes): From the Airport Berlin-Schönefeld Terminal take bus 171 (direction: Hermannplatz) till station Sonnenallee. From there it is a 5 minutes walk to the Hotel.

More about public transport in Berlin and timetables, routes and maps: www.bvg.de

