



Terms of Reference
For an Implementing Organization to Conduct a Youth Dialogue in China to Promote SRHR and ICPD30

I. Background:

UNFPA and ICPD:

UNFPA is the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency. Our mission is to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled.

Guided by the 1994 Programme of Action (PoA) of International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), the work of UNFPA is based on the premise that all human beings are entitled to equal rights and protections. We focus on women and young people because these are groups whose ability to exercise their sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) is often compromised.

In China, UNFPA works together with governments, in collaboration with civil society, including women and youth-led organizations, the private sector, community groups and individuals. In line with China's national strategies and the 2030 Agenda, UNFPA China's 9th Country Programme (2021-2025) supports policy development at the national and local levels, through research, capacity-building, advocacy and pilot projects and interventions.

In 2019, the governments of Kenya and Denmark and UNFPA co-convened the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25, a high-level conference to mobilize the political will and financial commitments we urgently need to finally and fully implement the ICPD PoA. These commitments were centred around achieving zero unmet need for family planning information and services, zero preventable maternal deaths, and zero sexual and gender-based violence and harmful practices against women and girls.

Over the years, China has made considerable progress towards attaining the ICPD goals, particularly those related to poverty alleviation, supported by its continuous economic growth and government's commitment to placing population and development at the center of Government's planning and development initiatives. The measures taken to reap the potential of a favorable age structure created by a youthful population have been widely accepted as part of the Chinese successful experiences and proved to contribute significantly to the social and economic development of China.

2024 will mark the 30th anniversary of the ICPD (ICPD30). It is a moment to remind the world of the critical importance of its agenda, which champions people-centered development, rights and choices for all, and the pursuit of common objectives such as peace and prosperity. Globally, UNFPA and its partners are facilitating the 30-year review of the implementation of the ICPD

PoA. The ICPD30 review aims to bring together a diverse range of stakeholders to reinvigorate the agenda after three decades – young people, women’s organisations, governments, thought-leaders, technical experts, civil society and grassroots organisations, the private sector, and community leaders, faith-based organisations, indigenous peoples, international financial institutions, people with disabilities, academics and others interested in working on people-centred development, population trends, SRHR and more.

ICPD and youth:

“...the promotion to the fullest extent of the health, wellbeing and potential of all adolescents and youth; meeting the special needs of adolescents and youth, especially young women and girls for social, family and community support, employment opportunities, participation in political processes and access to education, health, counseling and high-quality reproductive health services; keeping adolescents and youth, in particular young women and girls in school, to help prevent early marriage and high-risk childbearing and to reduce associated mortality and morbidity... ”

--The ICPD Programme of Action on adolescents and youth

Young people’s perspectives and leadership are essential to the realization of the ICPD PoA. The world is home to 1.8 billion young people aged 10 to 24. Today's young generation faces a world in flux, grappling with demographic shifts, globalization, environmental impact, and technological immersion. Many encounter barriers due to poverty and marginalization, limiting access to essential services and information. We urgently need to amplify efforts to engage with emerging voices advocating for women's, adolescents', and youth rights.

China has 278 million young people aged between 10-24, the second largest youth population in the world. Harnessing the energy and aspirations of these young populations presents an unparalleled opportunity to foster development, and collectively steer toward a more dynamic and inclusive future, that is in line with the ICPD objectives.

In pursuit of this commitment, UNFPA China plans to work together with a resourceful implementing organization to host a youth dialogue in October 2023, where youth voices from China can contribute to the ICPD30 celebration and be integrated into the ongoing discussions and efforts surrounding the ICPD PoA and the 2030 Agenda globally.

Objectives:

The main objective of the youth dialogue is to provide a platform for Chinese young people and stakeholders to engage in constructive discussions and collaborative actions related to the ICPD PoA, with a focus on its 30th anniversary.

Specifically, the youth dialogue aims to,

- Raise awareness among young people for the ICPD PoA: raise awareness among Chinese young people and stakeholders about the goals of the ICPD PoA and nurture sustainable and consistent engagement from the youth generation.
- Review Chinese youth engagement on SRHR under the ICPD framework: Identify existing good practices in youth engagement in promoting SRHR among the stakeholders. It is also expected to identify remaining challenges and emerging issues of the ICPD

agenda for China in the changing national context and provide recommendations for the policy makers and other stakeholders to accelerate the efforts.

- Foster collaborations: foster collaboration and networking among Chinese young people and SRHR stakeholders (such as the China Family Planning Association, China Youth Network, UNFPA, academic institutions and experts). Create potential opportunities for youth leaders to engage with global partners, share best practices, and learn from domestic and international experiences in the field of youth SRHR.

Scope of work:

An implementing organization will be contracted to conduct the following activities in collaboration with UNFPA and relevant stakeholders:

1. Conduct the China Youth Dialogue for ICPD30
 - a. Develop a detailed work plan for the entire activity through consultations with UNFPA and relevant stakeholders, including but not limited to the venue, timeline, agenda, speakers, participants, communications, and follow-up actions.
 - b. In consultation with UNFPA, responsible for identifying and inviting participants and speakers to participate in the youth dialogue. The number of total participants should be suitable for interactive engagement and in line with the proposed budget.
 - c. Conduct the China Youth Dialogue for ICPD30 according to agreed plans in October 2023 in Beijing for up to 2 days, including technical and logistical organization of the event and be flexible for ad hoc arrangements. The youth dialogue may include knowledge sharing, presentations, interactive discussions and consultation workshops.
 - d. Conduct timely updates and communication with UNFPA on the progress.
2. Develop an outcome report after the China Youth Dialogue
 - a. Identify and analyze information and good practices of Chinese youth engagement of SRHR for ICPD30 in various aspects, especially from UNFPA and its partners, such as Dance4Life, the Chengzhier, the development of sexuality education curriculum and peer education programme, youth engagement in ICPD events, etc.
 - b. Identify challenges and gaps towards the realization of the ICPD PoA and the Agenda of 2030. Summarize recommendations and/or commitments expected to be made during the youth dialogue, and how these would fit into long-term implementation of the ICPD agenda.
 - c. Submit the report that includes but not limited to key achievements, good practices, challenges, pictures, and actionable recommendations and/or commitment for ICPD long-term implementation.
 - d. Ensure that the report reflects the voices of young people as well as key dialogue participants.
 - e. Include visual elements that are of young people's interest as part of the outcome document.

- f. Circulate the draft outcome report for feedback and incorporate suggested revisions.
- g. Finalize the outcome report (in both English and Chinese) based on feedback and submit UNFPA for future engagement on ICPD30.

Deliverables:

1. Completion of the China Youth Dialogue for ICPD30 according to UNFPA-agreed agenda, speakers, the participants’ list, the logistics arrangement, communication plan and budget. The finalization of all relevant documents related to the organization of the event shall be submitted to and agreed upon by UNFPA prior to the event.
2. An outcome report (in both Chinese and English) accepted by UNFPA.

Timeline:

The contract period is from the date of contract signing to November 30th 2023.

The tentative timeline is as follows, and the actual and detailed timeline will be discussed and agreed upon with the selected during the contracting process.

Tentative timeline (latest by)	Deliverables
November 1 st 2023	Deliverable 1 completed
November 20 th 2023	Deliverable 2 completed and submitted

Qualifications:

1. Experience in organizing youth interactive activities in China on topics related to ICPD PoA, such as SRHR, comprehensive sexuality education (CSE), HIV/AIDS, gender equality, youth-friendly SRHR services, and youth leadership.
2. Experience in engaging with the UN/UNFPA and SRHR-relevant stakeholders in China such as universities, the China Youth Network, and China Family Planning Association.
3. In-depth understanding of the ICPD PoA, the SDGs and UNFPA’s mandate.
4. Familiar with existing youth SRHR activities and programmes such as Dance4Life, Chengzhier, and the Youth Health school peer education programmes. Be able to collect comprehensive information through engagement with relevant stakeholders and youth dialogue participants for the ICPD30 outcome report.
5. Resourceful network in facilitating experienced speakers and facilitates to conduct the youth dialogue, including knowledge sharing and workshops on ICPD-related topics.
6. Innovative, efficient, can-do attitude and detail-oriented
7. Core members can communicate in fluent Chinese and English and the organization is able to submit required deliverables in English.
8. Core member’s personal engagement in ICPD-related activities, events or projects is an asset.

Payment plan:

The payment plan will be agreed upon with the selected organization during the contracting process.

Submission:

Interested organizations are requested to submit two quotations:

- The technical quotation, containing the organization's introduction, core members' profile, work experience and a tentative work plan according to the TOR scope of work.
- The financial quotation, providing an estimated budget in Chinese yuan.

The attachment in one email shall not exceed 25 MB, otherwise it will not be received.

The submission email should contain a subject title: "Submission for the ICPD30 Youth Dialogue + organization's name." Please list the attachments (technical proposal and financial proposal) in the email content.

Please submit the quotations to: china-procurement@unfpa.org by 23:59, October 4, 2023, China standard time.