



# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH



Day 1 - 5th November 2024

08.00-09.00	Registration	Main Entrance
<b>Opening Ceremony</b>		
08.50-09.00	Arrival of Guests	Lotus Hall
09.00-09.05	National Anthem	
	ReproSex Teaser Play	
09.05-09.10	Lighting the Oil lamp	
09.10-09.15	Welcome Address: <i>Ms. Aruni Marcelline - President, Board of Directors, FPA Sri Lanka</i>	
	Conference Overview – Video	
09.15-09.20	Address by the Conference Chair: <i>Prof. W. Indralal De Silva - Emeritus Professor of Demography, University of Colombo.</i>	
09.20-09.30	Address by the Guest of Honour: <i>Dr. Palitha Mahipala - Secretary, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka.</i>	
09.30-09.33	Cultural Item 1	
09.33-09.35	Presenting the Conference Proceedings – Presented by Dr. Ruchitha Perera (Executive Director FPA Sri Lanka) & Prof. Indralal De Silva (Conference Chair)	
09.35-09.40	Introduction of the Keynote Speaker: <i>Prof. W. Indralal De Silva - Conference Chair, ReproSex 2024.</i>	
09.40-10.20	Keynote Address: <i>Dr. Iqbal Shah - Research Scientist, Department of Global Health and Population, Harvard University.</i>	
10.20-10.25	Cultural Item 2	
10.25-10.35	Address by the Chief Guest: <i>Ms. Manuelle Hurwitz - Director, Development &amp; Impact Division, International Planned Parenthood Federation.</i>	
10.35-10.40	Closing Remarks: <i>Dr. Ruchitha Perera - Executive Director, FPA Sri Lanka</i>	
10.40-11.00	Tea Break	Main Lobby
<b>Academic Sessions</b>		
11.00-11.45	<b>Plenary Session 1.1: Youth and Comprehensive Sexuality Education</b> <i>Hosted by Swedish Association for Sexuality Education (RFSU)</i> <b>Dr. Ganga Jayasena Tennakoon</b> – Post Graduate Trainee in MD Community Medicine, Health Promotion Bureau <b>Mr. Hans Billimoria</b> - The Grassrooted Trust <b>Ms. Ganga Dilhani</b> – Director of Education (School Health and Nutrition), Ministry of Education.	Lotus Hall

Mr. Dhammika Kodithuwakku – Head of Health and Physical Education Unit, National Institute of Education

11.45-12.30	<b>Plenary Session 1.2: Gender-based Violence: Local and International Perspectives</b> <i>Sponsored by the IPPF Humanitarian Programme, Organized by the Sri Lanka Medical Association (SLMA)</i> Dr. Pramila Senanayake – International Consultant in Sexual & Reproductive Health Dr. Kalpana Apte - Director General, The Family Planning Association of India. Dr. Nethanjali Mapitigama - Consultant Community Physician, Ministry of Health. Dr. Lahiru Kodithuwakku - Secretary, Sri Lanka Medical Association (Moderator).	Lotus Hall
12.30-13.30	Lunch	Ruby Hall & Cinema Lounge
13.30-15.00	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>	
	<b>Parallel Session 1.1: Socio - economics Determinants of Sexual and Reproductive Health</b> <i>Sponsored by Selyn Foundation</i> Prof. Indralal De Silva - Emeritus Professor of Demography, University of Colombo. Prof. K. Karunathilaka – Chair. Professor of Sociology, University of Kelaniya.	Lavender Hall
	<b>Parallel Session 1.2: Safeguarding Gender Rights and Combating Gender-Based Violence</b> Dr. Lakshman Senanayake - Consultant Obstetrician & Gynecology. Prof. Anuruddhi S. Edirisinghe – Senior Professor of Forensic Medicine/ Chair, Expert Committee on Women’s Health, Sri Lanka Medical Association (SLMA)	Orchid Hall
	<b>Parallel Session 1.3: Engaging Youth in Sexual and Reproductive Health</b> Dr. Ariyaratne Manatunge - Consultant Venereologist , National STD/AIDS Control Programme. Dr. Chiranthika Vithana - Consultant Community Physician, Family Health Bureau.	Tulip Hall
	<b>Parallel Session 1.4: Access and Equity in Family Planning</b> Dr. Loshan Munasinghe - Consultant Community Physician, Family Health Bureau Prof. Aindralal Balasuriya – Dean, Faculty of Medicine, - Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU)	Saffron Hall
15.00-15.30	Tea Break	Main Lobby
15.30-16.30	<b>Mini-Symposium Sessions</b>	
	<b>Mini-Symposium Session 1.1: Child Marriage: Causes and Consequences</b> <i>Hosted by Swedish Association for Sexuality Education (RFSU)</i> Dr. Lakshman Senanayake - Consultant Obstetrician and Gynecologist Prof. Prathibha Mahanamahewa - Professor of Commercial Law, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo Ms. Hyshama Hamin - Co-Founder/MPLRAG Ms. Shanuki De Alwis – Former Technical Advisor, IPPF SARO (Moderator)	Lavender Hall
	<b>Mini-Symposium Session 1.2: Diversity and Inclusion in SRHR</b> <i>Hosted by International Planned Parenthood Federation(IPPF) South Asia Regional Office</i> Soudeh Rad - President, Feminist SPECTRUM Ms. Anaya Rahimi - Trans Activist/Intern-Gender & Inclusion at IPPF SARO Mr. Aritha Wickramasinghe – Equality Director, iPobrono Silvester Merchant – Regional Community Engagement and Networks Lead (IPPF SARO) (Moderator)	Orchid Hall
	<b>Mini-Symposium Session 1.3: Menopause and Ageing-Related Issues</b> <i>Hosted by Menopause Society of Sri Lanka</i>	Tulip Hall

**Dr. Darshana Abeygunawardana** - Consultant (Obstetrician & Gynecologist)  
**Ms. Edna N. Mokaya** - Senior SRH Technical Advisor, IPPF Humanitarian Programme  
**Dr. Shiromali Dissanayake** - Medical Officer Public Health  
**Prof. Anuji Gamage** – Professor in Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, Sir John Kotelawala Defense University (KDU) (Moderator)

**Mini-Symposium Session 1.4: Advancement and Challenges in Cervical, Breast and Prostate Cancer**

Saffron Hall

*Hosted by the Centre for Cancer Research, University of Sri Jayewardenepura*

**Prof. Isha Prematilleke** - Professor in Pathology, Department of Pathology, University of Sri Jayewardenepura

**Dr. Kanchana Wijesinghe** - Senior Lecturer, Department of Surgery, University of Sri Jayewardenepura

**Dr. Diana Constanza Pulido** - Global Technical Lead (Humanitarian), International Planned Parenthood Federation

**Prof. Maheeka Seneviwickrama** - Director, Centre for Cancer Research, University of Sri Jayewardenepura (Moderator)

**Day 2 - 6th November 2024**

09.00-09.45

**Plenary Session 2.1 - Emerging Demographic Dynamics and SRHR in Asia**

Lotus Hall

*Hosted by the Population Association of Sri Lanka*

**Prof. Indralal De Silva** - Emeritus Professor of Demography, University of Colombo

**Prof. Jinhyun Kim** – Professor of Health Policy, College of Nursing, Seoul National University, South Korea

**Dr. Janaki Vidanapathirana** - Director of Planning, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka (Moderator)

09.45-10.30

**Plenary Session 2.2 : Innovative Approaches for Prevention and Testing for HIV**

Lotus Hall

*Hosted by SKPA 2 Project*

**Dr. Vindya Kumarapeli** - Director, National STD/AIDS Control Programme, Sri Lanka

**Dr. Sathya Herath** - Public Health Specialist National STD/AIDS Control Program, Sri Lanka

**Mr. Kawishka Chathuranga** – Community Activist, Heart to heart Sri Lanka

**Dr. Sujatha Samarakoon** - Consultant Venereologist and Public Health Specialist (Moderator)

10.30-11.00

Tea Break

Main Lobby

11.00-12.00

**Plenary Session 2.3: Termination of Pregnancy in South Asia; Context and Consequences**

Lotus Hall

*Hosted by International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) South Asia Regional Office*

**Ms. Nandini Mazumder** – Assistant Coordinator, Asia Safe Abortion Partnership (ASAP)

**Dr. Sepali Kottegoda** - Director Programmes, Gender and Political Economy and Media at Women and Media Collective

**Dr. Fariha Haseen** - Associate Professor, Department of Public Health, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU), Bangladesh

**Ms. Aishath Enas**- Executive Committee Member (Maldives), South Asia Regional Youth Network, International Planned Parenthood Federation

**Ms. Melissa Cockroft**– Global Lead for Abortion, International Planned Parenthood Federation (Moderator)

12.00-13.00

Lunch

Ruby Hall & Cinema Lounge

13.00-14.30

Parallel Sessions

**Parallel Session 2.1: Dynamics of Population and Sexual & Reproductive Health**

Lavender Hall

**Ms. Manuelle Hurwitz** - Director, Development & Impact Division, International Planned Parenthood Federation.

**Prof. Sunethra Perera** - President, Population Association of Sri Lanka.

	<b>Parallel Session 2.2: Uniting Against HIV and STIs</b>	<b>Orchid Hall</b>
	<p><b>Dr. Harischandra Yakandawala</b> – Former Medical Director, FPA Sri Lanka.  <b>Dr. Geethani Samaraweera</b> – Consultant Venereologist, National STD/AIDS Control Programme.</p>	
	<b>Parallel Session 2.3: Sexual and Reproductive Health, Climate Change, and the Evolving Abortion Discourse</b>	<b>Tulip Hall</b>
	<p><b>Prof. Nishara Fernando</b> - Professor of Sociology, University of Colombo  <b>Dr. Sujatha Samarakoon</b> - Consultant Venereologist and Public Health Specialist</p>	
	<b>Parallel Session 2.4: Innovations in Cervical, Breast, and Prostate Cancer Prevention, Screening, and Treatment</b>	<b>Saffron Hall</b>
	<p><b>Prof. Sanath Lanerolle</b> - Consultant in Obstetrician &amp; Gynecology.  <b>Prof. Maheeka Seneviwickrama</b> - Director, Centre for Cancer Research, University of Sri Jayewardenepura.</p>	
<b>14.30-15.00</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>	<b>Main Lobby</b>
<b>15.00-16.00</b>	<b>Mini-Symposium Sessions</b>	
	<b>Mini-Symposium Session 2.1: Menstrual Hygiene and Period Poverty</b>	<b>Lavender Hall</b>
	<p><b>Hosted by the CAAPP Project</b>  <b>Ms. Nadiya Najab</b> – Senior Researcher, Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA)  <b>Dr. Asanthi Fernando Balapitiya</b> – Deputy Director and Head of the Health Communication and Life Skills Unit, and the Media and Publicity Unit, Health Promotion Bureau, Sri Lanka  <b>Ms. Selyna Peiris</b> (Attorney-at-Law) – Director, Selyn Foundation, Sri Lanka  <b>Dr. Rashmira Balasuriya</b> – Technical Advisor, The CAAPP Project, The Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka (Moderator)</p>	
	<b>Mini-Symposium Session 2.2: Engaging youth Change Agents for SRHR in a Humanitarian Setting</b>	<b>Orchid Hall</b>
	<p><b>Hosted by the IPPF Humanitarian Programme</b>  <b>Ms. Merlinda Santana Ximenes</b> - Youth Volunteer, Indonesian Family Planning Association  <b>Ms. Manisha Shrestha</b> - Youth Volunteer, Family Planning Association of Nepal  <b>Ms. Angelica Jovero Urot</b>- Youth Volunteer, Family Planning Association of Philippines  <b>Ms. Achini Pahalawatte</b> - Programme Coordinator, The Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka (Moderator)</p>	
	<b>Mini-Symposium Session 2.3: Improving SRH Interventions through Equity-Focus and Gender-Responsive Evaluations.</b>	<b>Tulip Hall</b>
	<p><b>Sponsored by the Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA) &amp; Organized by the Centre for Evaluation, University of Sri Jayewardenepura</b>  <b>Dr. Soma De Silva</b> - Former Regional Technical Advisor (M&amp;E), UNICEF Regional Office  <b>Dr. Asela Kalugampitiya</b> - Director, Centre for Evaluation, the University of Sri Jayewardenepura  <b>Dr. Mohamed Munas</b>- Senior Researcher, Team Leader-Labour Migration, Centre for Poverty Analysis  <b>Dr. Arpita Das</b> - Senior Technical Advisor (Learning &amp; Impact), IPPF South Asia Regional Office (Moderator)</p>	
	<b>Mini-Symposium Session 2.4: SRHR &amp; Subfertility: Innovations in Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART)</b>	<b>Saffron Hall</b>
	<p><b>Hosted by Sri Lanka College of Obstetricians &amp; Gynaecologists (SLCOG)</b>  <b>Prof. Athula Kaluarachchi</b> - Professor of Obstetrics &amp; Gynecology  <b>Dr. Milhan Batcha</b> - Consultant in Subfertility &amp; Specialist in Gynecology  <b>Dr. Udara Jayawardena</b> - Consultant in Subfertility &amp; Gynecology  <b>Dr. Chaminda Hunukumbure</b> - Consultant Gynaecologist &amp; Fertility Specialist  <b>Dr. Gayani Tissera</b> - Senior Registrar in Reproductive Medicine, Ministry of Health (Moderator)</p>	

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<b>16.00-17.30</b>	<b>Closing Ceremony, Cultural &amp; Musical Event</b>	<b>Lotus Hall</b>
<b>16.00 -16.05</b>	<b>Arrival of the Guests</b>	
<b>16.05 -16.15</b>	<b>Address by - Mr. Chandima Gunawardena, Immediate Past President, Board of Directors, FPA Sri Lanka.</b>	
<b>16.15 -16.30</b>	<b>Technical Highlights – ReproSex 2024, Mr. Kunle Adeniyi – Country Representative, UNFPA Sri Lanka</b>	
<b>16.30 -16.40</b>	<b>Vote of Thanks, Mr. M. Suchira Suranga, Director (Organizational Learning &amp; Evaluation), FPA Sri Lanka.</b>	
<b>16.40 -17.10</b>	<b>Cultural Event</b>	
<b>17.10 -19.00</b>	<b>Musical Event</b>	