

Dear Member

On Monday 28 October we will be holding our annual reception in the Cholmondeley Room and Terrace with SRHR partners and ambassadors from numerous countries in attendance, please see attached invitation, which you should also have received separately. We would love to see as many as you as possible.

Kind regards

Mette and Mikki



## **Upcoming business of interest and opportunities to raise Global Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)**

### **UPCOMING BUSINESS**

*Please note that the schedule and locations of events are subject to change. See the parliamentary [calendar](#) for up-to-date information.*

**Both Houses are currently in Recess**

### **APPG on Global SRHR Events**

**21 October:** 4:30-5:30pm. Room W2, off Westminster Hall. **APPG on Global SRHR Committee Meeting**

**28 October:** 6:30-8:30pm. Cholmondeley Room, House of Lords. Evening Reception with IPPF, UNFPA and the UK SRHR Network '**Championing Reproductive Rights and Gender Equality**'

**2 December:** 4:30-5:30pm. Room W2, off Westminster Hall. **APPG on Global SRHR Committee Meeting**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**2 October:** 5:00-6:00pm. The USC Institute on Inequalities in Global Health explores what it means to build equal partnerships in global health in '**Until We Are All Equal: Advancing Equal Partnerships**'. Registration [here](#).

**3 October:** 2:00pm. Join the Center for Reproductive Rights as they launch a new interactive resource on legal and policy barriers to self-managed abortion in 35 countries followed by a forward-looking discussion on SMA globally '**Reimagining Reproductive Autonomy**'. Registration [here](#).

**10 October:** 2:00pm. FIGO presents '**Collaboration for the global elimination of cervical cancer**'. This webinar seeks to explore the vital role of community engagement and education in raising awareness about cervical cancer. [More information](#) and registration [here](#).

**10 October:** 3:30-5:00pm. IDRC's webinar '**Thriving in safety: Advancing adolescent health and rights & ending gender-based violence in Central and West Africa**' will focus on the role of action research in developing strategies to combat GBV and advance adolescent SRHR. [More information](#) and registration [here](#).

**17 October:** 3:30pm. IMPT for Reproductive Health presents '**DEIA in Focus: Advancing Science and Equity Through Diverse Inclusion**'. With increased attention to critical role of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) for product development, this webinar focuses on the importance of inclusion of diverse populations in clinical research. Registration [here](#).

**24 October:** 3:30pm. FIGO presents '**New Advances in Reproductive Medicine**'. Join FIGO's Regional Asia Oceania Trustee as he brings together representatives from the Asia and Oceania Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (AOFOG), the International Federation of Fertility Societies (IFFS), and the FIGO Reproductive Medicine, Endocrinology and Infertility (REI) Committee to discuss the latest breakthroughs in fertility treatments. [More information](#) and registration [here](#).

**28 October:** 6:30-8:30pm. '**Championing Reproductive Rights and Gender Equality**' – a joint APPG on Global SRHR, IPPF, UK SRHR Network and UNFPA evening reception. Minister Anneliese Dodds has been invited to speak.

**6 November:** 09:00 - 12:30, Attlee Suite, House of Commons. '**SDGs and Business Conference**'. RSVP to [mcconnellj@parliament.uk](mailto:mcconnellj@parliament.uk) to register your interest. More information will follow in due course.

**3-6 November 2025:** 2025 International Conference on Family Planning - Bogota, Columbia – email [kjaerbym@parliament.uk](mailto:kjaerbym@parliament.uk) to register interest

## **NEWS**

**UK** - Local authority leaders have urged the Government to use the upcoming Autumn Budget to invest in sexual and reproductive health services with a new report. The [report](#) titled "**A Blueprint for the Future: Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV Services in England**" emphasizes the need for a sustainable national strategy over the next decade. It highlights the importance of good sexual health for healthy relationships, planned pregnancies, and disease prevention.

[The Telegraph](#) reports that 'designer vagina surgery' taking place in Harley Street is rapidly increasing in popularity and that campaigners are calling for it to be banned as a form of FGM.

**Adolescent Health Study** - Increased investment is urgently needed to address evolving health risks and meet the mental and sexual and reproductive health needs for the nearly 1.3 billion adolescents (aged 10-19 years) globally, according to a [new scientific publication](#) released by the World Health Organization (WHO). Adolescence is a unique and critical stage of human development, involving major physical, emotional, and social transitions, and is a pivotal window for laying long-term foundations for good health.

**Unitaid Gonorrhoea Report** - A New [Unitaid report](#) calls for more effective, affordable gonorrhoea diagnostics to address rising infections and antimicrobial resistance. The report, titled "Gonorrhea point-of-care diagnostics technology and market landscape", highlights promising advances in

diagnostic technology, including over 75 point-of-care tests currently in development. These innovations, including rapid molecular tests, have the potential to enable same-day diagnosis and treatment, which is critical to reducing transmission and managing antimicrobial resistance. However, the report emphasizes that market challenges, including high costs and limited infrastructure, prevent widespread adoption in low- and middle-income countries.

**Self-Managed Abortion** - A new resource from the Center for Reproductive Rights: An interactive website mapping [Legal and Policy Barriers to Self-Managed Abortion](#) in 35 countries and 4 US states and an accompanying [Self-Managed Abortion Report](#). The first of its kind, this resource shows that even in countries with generally progressive abortion laws, there are often pervasive legal barriers to self-managed abortion, which contradicts global health guidelines. Using seven indicators, such as provider involvement, location restrictions, and timeframe limits, this report identifies which countries and states either support or hinder self-managed abortion using medication, which the World Health Organization recognizes is safe, effective, and should be accessible.

**Global Fund Report** - This year's [Results Report](#) from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB & Malaria was released last week. The report summarises key results from calendar year 2023, during which the Global Fund invested US\$5 billion - the third year in a row of record investments for the Global Fund. Most importantly, the report shows that programs supported by the Global Fund have saved 65 million lives since its creation in 2002.