

Dear Member

A reminder that 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.

Please find attached to this email the list of acronyms that was requested at our inaugural meeting, along with a list of SRHR events coming up in the next months. Also attached are two factsheets of key messages and facts on female genital mutilation and family planning and population.

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.

House of Commons

Monday 14 October

Main chamber, sitting at 2:30pm

General Debate – Lord Darzi’s independent investigation into NHS performance

Tuesday 15 October

Main chamber, sitting at 11:30am

Oral questions – Department of Health and Social Care

Wednesday 16 October

Main chamber, sitting at 11:30am

House of Lords

Monday 14 October

Room 2, Palace of Westminster, sitting at 3:00pm

Preterm Birth Committee

Wednesday 16 October

Main chamber, sitting at 3:00pm

Oral questions – Implementation of safe access zones around abortion clinics in England and Wales - Baroness Sugg

Thursday 17 October

Main chamber, sitting at 11:00

Debate – Impact of conflict, extreme poverty and climate-related emergencies globally, and achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals – Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale

Read the Lords Library briefing [here](#)

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

15 October: 1:00pm. The WHO/IBP Network presents **‘Aligning Global Standards: Integrating WHO Guidelines with Family Planning Service Delivery HIPs with the WHO/HIP Matrix Tool’**. This webinar will explore the WHO-HIP Matrix Tool, a resource developed to link the family planning High Impact Practices (HIPs) with selected WHO guidelines, aimed at strengthening family planning implementation and advocacy. Register [here](#).

15 October: 6:00-7:30pm. White Ribbon Alliance present a workshop on understanding the worldwide impacts of abortion policies and politics in the USA. **‘Reproductive Rights in the Post-Roe Era’**. Registration [here](#).

16 October: 4:00pm. Lords Committee Room G. The **APPG for the UN Global Goals** is hosting a Ministerial briefing for Parliamentarians with Minister for International Development Anneliese Dodds. Email mcconnellj@parliament.uk to express interest.

16 October: 1:00pm. WHO presents **‘Transitioning to midwifery models of care: Launch of the World Health Organization’s global position paper’**. This webinar will make the case for adopting midwifery models of care. Speakers will briefly present what midwifery models of care entail and what impact transitioning to a midwifery model of care could have. A country discussion panel will discuss midwifery models of care implementation best practices from government’s, midwives’ and women’s perspectives. More [information](#) and registration [here](#)

16 October: 3:00pm. MSI Reproductive Choices and Partners host **‘In Conversation’: From the frontline to the future of abortion care’** to launch their [new report](#) which complements MSI’s new **‘Abortion Guiding Framework’**, which sets out our priorities and contribution to ending unsafe abortion. Registration [here](#).

17 October: 10:00am. Lords Committee Room 2a. The **APPG on United Nations** will be holding its inaugural meeting and a briefing on the outcomes of the United Nations Summit of the Future with Lord Collins. Email alice.macdonald.mp@parliament.uk to express interest.

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 confirmed as the keynote speaker.

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

27-31 January 2025: EPF Study Trip to the Philippines. Please email kjaerbym@parliament.uk to express your interest.

5-9 October 2025: Cape Town, South Africa. [2025 FIGO World Congress of Gynaecology and Obstetrics](#) - email kjaerbym@parliament.uk to register interest.

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

NEWS

UK – BPAS' new report, entitled [Contraception, Re-imagined: The Unfinished Revolution](#), is based on a survey of 1,000 women and people needing contraception in the U.K. aged 18-45 years, as well as analysis of public health datasets. It looks at women's past and present contraceptive experiences, as well as their future preferences, with a particular focus on the need for urgent contraceptive innovation. The report highlights ongoing barriers to access to existing contraception and women's apparent turn away from hormonal contraception and shows the appetite for change - specifically the high demand for long-acting reversible contraception for men, as well as new methods of fertility control for women, known as contragestives.

Deaths have outnumbered births annually in the UK for the first time in nearly 50 years, excluding the Covid pandemic, new official figures show. There were 16,300 more deaths than births in the year to June 2023, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said. [BBC News](#) and [Sky News](#) report.

USA – A new bill introduced in the US would lower the marriage age in nearly half the United States and potentially legalise the trafficking of minors to the U.S. under the guise of marriage. The federal bill is named the [Child Marriage Prevention Act](#) and is intended to combat child marriage, but some provisions in the bill actually would contradict the national and global commitment to end child marriage by the end of the decade. Instead of setting a minimum age of 18 for spousal visas it would set a minimum age of 16 for minors around the world to receive a spousal visa to the U.S. [Ms Magazine](#) reports.

An article by [The Fuller Project](#), in collaboration with Ms Magazine examines the implications of a second Trump presidency for women, both in the US and globally.

This week Melinda French Gates launched Action for Women's Health, a \$250 million open call for organisations focused on improving the mental and physical health of women. "Women's health continues to be an afterthought and it's impacting the health of our families, our communities, our economies," said French Gates in a video accompanying the announcement. "Thankfully, there are so many organizations around the world working to change that." . [Devex](#) and [CNN](#) report.

Nepal – [The Telegraph](#) reports that more and more women in Nepal are suffering iatrogenic fistula, a condition caused by surgical errors. In 2013, just 11 per cent of patients treated for fistula at the B.P. Koirala Institute of Health Sciences had iatrogenic fistula. By 2018, this figure had jumped to 51 per cent, a proportion which has remained roughly the same since.

International Day of the Girl Statement – Dr. Natalia Kanem, Executive Director of UNFPA, released a statement on Friday 11 October, for the International Day of the Girl '**Adolescent girls have a vision for a better future: Let's stand with them, and not in their way**', which can be read online [here](#).

UNICEF Study on Sexual Violence – More than 370 million women and girls across the world were raped or sexually assaulted before they turned 18, according to the first global estimates tracking sexual violence in childhood. The analysis, published on Thursday by UNICEF, also warned that a boom in new technology and social media is "changing the landscape" and driving a new wave of sexual violence. [Reuters](#) and [The Daily Mail](#) report.

Intimate Partner Violence - Intimate partner violence (IPV) is common worldwide. The risk factors for IPV include several that are related to reproductive health such as pregnancy, infertility and reproductive coercion. Infertility professionals would benefit from education and training in IPV to enable them to better identify and assist patients who are victims of IPV. This observation is supported by studies such as [this](#), conducted in the USA. A webinar providing training for health professionals on responding to IPV can be found on YouTube [here](#).