

Concept Note

Side event: *Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) Matters: Stakeholders Engagement in advancing CSE in Africa through Education programs*

The Eighth Session of Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD-8)

In collaboration with the African Union (AU), UNESCO Liaison Office to the AU, and UNFPA Liaison Office to the AU and UNECA, SRHR Africa Trust, The IPPF Africa Region Office through its Sub-Office to the AU and UNECA will be convening a hybrid event on “Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) matters: Stakeholders Engagement in advancing CSE in Africa through Education programs, in line with the 8th session of the ARFSD-8, under the theme ***Building forward better: A green, inclusive and resilient Africa poised to achieve the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063***, on the 2nd of March 2022 from 14:00 to 15:30 East Africa Time (EAT) virtually (on Zoom).

The side event aims to promote CSE across the African countries, through education sector, and its impact on implementing a green and resilient Africa. The side event will also promote the life skills career guidance cluster mandate including the development of the Education for Health and Well-being of Adolescents and Young people in Africa Strategy (EHW) as one of the prior achievements of the implementation of the Continental Education Strategy for Africa (CESA) (2018-2023) reflecting on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 4 and 5.

Objectives :

- Spark conversations amongst African youth, duty bearers, and policymakers around transformative strategies and perspectives on Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE),
- Position CSE as a priority to achieving full potential Africa’s development towards a resilient and a green continent
- Discuss the main pillars and priorities of the EHW strategy as a strategic element of the Life Skills and Career Guidance Cluster,
- Discuss the role of accountability of different stakeholders in working and reporting to achieve SDGs goals (4 and 5),
- Highlight concrete actions existing to implement CSE in the African continent from the youth-led initiatives and networks, and international organizations,
- Discuss and share recommendations to support CSE’s effective implementation through Education sector,
- Get commitments and pledges from policy makers and duty bearers.

Expected Outcomes :

- Space for dialogue to advance transformative strategies and perspectives in implementing CSE in Africa
- Enhanced interaction and communication between young advocates and duty-bearers on achieving an effective and engaging CSE in the continent.
- Best practice across the continent on implementing CSE ending harmful practices capitalized,
- Agree on a set of actions, including clear commitments from Stakeholders, to be taken forward to move us closer to CSE implementation across the continent.

Target Audience: Life Skills and Career Guidance Cluster members, policymakers, duty-bearers, African youth, and partners,

Draft Agenda

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Date: 2 March 2022	
Time: 14:00 – 15:30 pm EAT	
13:50-14:00	Participants join the event & Tech
14 :00-14 :05	Welcome remarks and Introduction of the Agenda -Moderator (TBC)
14 :05-14 :15	Keynote speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commissioner of Health, Humanitarian Development and Social Affairs Department (AUC- TBC)
14 :15- 14 : 25	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Sam Ntelamo, Head of IPPF Sub-Office to the AU and ECA• AUC representative (TBC)
14 :25-14 :30	Group photo – Tech
14 :30-14 :50 (5 min each)	Topic: Experience sharing on implementing CSE in Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AUC-Education Department- (TBC)• UNESCO representative (TBC)• UNFPA representative (TBC)• SRHR Africa Trust (TBC)
14 :50-15 : 05	Overview on the EHW Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UNESCO• Consultant• Cluster Member -TBC
15 :05: 15:20	Q/A session
15 :20-15 : 25	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IPPF – TBC
15 :25 – 15 :30	Wrap up and Closure – Moderator