



Side Event: Panel Discussion on
**Theme: South South Cooperation to Empower the New
Generation**

Realizing the Demographic Dividend

Second UN High-level Conference on South-South Cooperation

BAPA+40



20 March 2019
13:00 - 15:00 (Panel Discussion)
Preceded by Lunch: 12:00 - 13:00
Venue: *Pabellon Ternium Siderar*
Museum of Architecture and Design (MARQ)
Av. del Libertador 999 (esquina Av. Callao)
Buenos Aires, Argentina

A. Objectives

To raise awareness of South-South cooperation (SSC) as an effective tool for the achievement of the ICPD PoA and the SDGs

B. Event Structure and Management

Format: Panel Discussion

Length: 2 hours (13:00 - 15:00), preceded by lunch

Venue: Museum of Architecture and Design

Room Capacity: 80 pax

Thematic Focus: Leveraging South-South and triangular cooperation to gain demographic dividend through youth empowerment.

Event Organizers: This event is jointly sponsored by UNFPA and the [Partners in Population and Development \(PPD\)](#).

Reference links for BAPA+40 event:

<https://cancilleria.gob.ar/es/iniciativas/paba> (Spanish)

<https://cancilleria.gob.ar/en/initiatives/paba> (English)

C. Panelists

1. *Chair:* **Dr. Natalia Kanem** is the Executive Director of **UNFPA**, the United Nations Population Fund and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations. She is the fifth executive director of UNFPA, following her appointment by Secretary-General António Guterres in October 2017. (Full biography in [English](#) and [Spanish](#))

2. *Moderator:* **Dra. Gabriela Agosto**, Secretaria Ejecutiva, Consejo Nacional de Coordinación de Políticas Sociales de la Presidencia de la Nación, República de **Argentina**. The National Council for the Coordination of Social Policies has the role of articulation for the planning, coordination and monitoring of national social policies. ([Link to CNCPS](#))

3. **Ms Hadja Idrissah Bah**, who is known to her friends and colleagues as “Hadja Idy”, is 19 years old from the Republic of **Guinea**, in Western Africa. She is a youth leader having been the founding president of the Guinea Girls Leaders Club and

a president of the Guinean Parliament of Children. She is a political science student at the l'Université Général Lansana Conté in Conakry, Guinea. You will find her advocacy sites and articles online.

4. **Mr. Juan Carlos Lezcano Flecha**, who signs off by the nickname of “Juanki,” is 25 years old from Republic of **Paraguay** in Latin America. He is equally articulate in promoting youth empowerment as a professional investigative journalist. He works for ABC Color, one of the most widely-read newspapers in Paraguay. He studied Communication Sciences at the Universidad Católica Nuestra Señora de la Asunción.

5. **Mr. Nofrijal** is Principal Secretary of the National Population and Family Planning Board (BKKBN, in its original acronym) of the Republic of **Indonesia**. We are very pleased to have Mr. Nofrijal on this significant occasion of South-South Cooperation, considering that Indonesia hosted the 1955 Bandung Conference that produced the earliest thinking and contributed some of the original principles of South-South Cooperation. Today, Mr. Nofrijal’s BKKBN is a major contributor of South-South solutions in the areas of reproductive health, youth, and population and development.

6. **Mr. Adnene Ben Haj Aissa** is the Executive Director of the **Partners in Population and Development** (PPD), a 26-member inter-governmental body dedicated to promoting SSC, with China and India as chair and vice-chair respectively. PPD was created in the wake of the historic 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), thus PPD is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

7. **Mr. Mabingue Ngom**, is the **UNFPA** regional director for Western and Central Africa. Mr. Ngom takes a strong leadership in advocating for demographic dividend in the region and this has borne results in terms of increased interest and commitment of governments in the region to pursue demographic dividend.

8. **Mr. Esteban Caballero** is **UNFPA** regional director for Latin America and the Caribbean. This region has shown significant advances in youth empowerment. It also exhibits strong South-South Cooperation among the countries in the region and well beyond. Mr. Caballero will be able to share with us his region’s lessons learned and shareable solutions on these topics.