

Side-event 56th session of the Commission of Population and Development (56CPD): Population, Education

Concept note and Agenda

Side event: Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) in Latin America
Organizers: Mexico and the National Population Council of Mexico (CONAPO)
Co-sponsors: Permanent Mission of Mexico to the UNESCO and the Embassy of Canada to Mexico.

Date: April 12th, 2023.

Time: 13:15-14:30 NY time zone, 11:15-12:30 Mexico City time zone

Language: Spanish/English with available interpretation

Link for registration:

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1. Background and CSE international framework

Taking into account that Education is one of the structural elements for the transformation of human development and social progress, that girls, adolescents and women must play a central role in the face of persistent gender gaps, it is necessary to push them towards higher levels of education and better quality and to eliminate the barriers that impede it as: the lack of secondary and tertiary levels schools, patterns of dropout due to pregnancy or marriage; it is necessary to strengthen Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) to form a new generation of girls that know and demand their sexual and reproductive rights and boys who grow up with values of respect and solidarity towards girls and women.

Several international instruments recognize the importance of CSE. The Plan of Action of the International Conference on Population (ICPD)

Points out as one of its objectives:

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(a) To address adolescent sexual and reproductive health issues, including unintended pregnancy, unsafe abortion²⁰ and sexually transmitted diseases,

voluntary and responsible decisions on their sexuality, sexual orientation and gender identity, without coercion, discrimination or violence, and that guarantee the right to

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Objectives :

- To generate a space for dialogue and exchange of experiences about relevance of Comprehensive Sexuality Education in the scholar curricula of some countries in the region of Latin America and as a substantive axis in services within and outside the school community.
- To listen the experience and perspective of an adolescent girl in relation to Comprehensive Sexuality Education.

2. Participants:

- Welcoming remarks: Hon. Mr. Graeme Christie Clark, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Canada in Mexico (to be confirmed).

5 minutes for the participants' interventions, facilitated by the moderator based on the following guiding questions:

- 1) What is the current situation of CSE in your country, what is its content and approach and what progress has been made so far?
- 2) What challenges and perspectives would there be a need to improve in