CALL FOR PROPOSAL
TO HOST THE 11th ASIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE ON REPRODUCTIVE AND SEXUAL HEALTH AND RIGHTS (APCRSHR11) IN 2022

The International Steering Committee (ISC) of the 10th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights (APCRSHR10) is seeking proposals from NGOs to host the 11th APCRSHR in 2022.

Interested NGOs should submit an electronic copy of their proposal to the Secretariat by e-mail to apcrshr10rhac@gmail.com with copy to secretariat@apcrshr10cambodia.org by Friday 28th February 2020.

I. Background

The Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights (APCRSHR) was initiated in 2001 to share and build upon the wealth of knowledge generated in the region by experts and practitioners in sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), enhancing favorable policies and disseminating best practices with the aim of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. Since its inception, APCRSHR has continued to serve as a biennial gathering of civil society, young people, academia, government, media, private sector, and development partners invested in optimizing SRHR in the region.

Since 2001, there have been 10 APCRSHRs conducted in different places in the region (see figure below). The conference has thus cumulatively reached more than 12,000 delegates, among them leaders, experts, and young advocates devoting their careers to SRHR, policy makers, officials from civil society organizations and hospitals, and a variety of local stakeholders. Of this talented gathering, 20 percent has historically been comprised of young people below 25 years of age, and 60 percent of past delegates have been women.

Traditionally, the conference is held for 4 days: The first day for the International Youth Conference and the next three days for the Main Conference. APCRSHR10 has been structured differently, however, to enhance youth integration.
II. INVITATION TO BID

The ISC welcomes proposals to host APCRSHR11, preferably from countries that have yet to host the event. As in the past, the conference should reflect the priorities and concerns of sexual and reproductive health and rights in Asia Pacific.
2.1 Submitting the Proposal

The proposal must be submitted by a non-governmental organization (NGO) with a reputable presence in the host country and support from the Ministry of Health and other key partners within the country for which the submission is being made. The proponent must include a cover letter agreeing to undertake the extensive responsibilities required of the Convenor organization, including a commitment to raise funds for the conference.

Closing date of the submission of the electronic copy of the proposal is 12:00 AM EST on Friday, 28th February 2020 to the Secretariat apcshr10rhac@gmail.com with copy to secretariat@apcshr10cambodia.org

The proposal need not follow a particular standardized format, but it should include the following information, although some of the information may be provisional or limited at this time.

2.2 Proposal Contents and Evaluation Criteria

The proposal must respond to the following criteria:

A. About the organization:

- Name of proponent, contact person, position, office address, email and telephone/telegram.
- Strength and track record in organizing, managing, and hosting local/international conferences or seminars
- Proposed host team to coordinate and manage conference activities before, during, and after the conference.
- Track record in managing reproductive health programs and/or research
- Evidence of financial viability of the proponent and key partners and potential sponsors
- Cooperating local partner NGOs, professional associations, government agencies and their track records agree to collaborate and/or sponsor the conference
- Plan to engage local and international participants, organizations and scholars to learn more about the trends and emerging issues on sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Ability to raise funds and identify local and international financial assistance committed or to be tapped
- Support of country government, especially the Ministry of Health
- Understanding of how to balance between science, educational, training and practice in reproductive and sexual health and rights
- Plan to publicize and organize the conference
- Consideration of other international and local events to avoid conflict with conference dates

B. Proposed Conference location/venue

- Be in a major Asia Pacific city at a time of year when the weather is congenial
- Easily accessible and affordable to participants from both within and outside of the host country through air, train, bus or car, including ease of tourist visa acquisition
- Convenient access to dining and attractions
- Assured security and safety to participants
- Proposed conference venue for plenary sessions able to accommodate 1,500-2,500 participants
- Proposed venue with at least 10 rooms to accommodate 80 – 100 participants for parallel sessions and other conference related activities
- Proposed venue with space for posters, exhibition booths, and networking

III. OTHER INFORMATION

Please find the background and management of APCRSHR10 and Conference Program for your information about how the organization of APCRSHR10 has been managed.

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Please contact apcrshr10rhac@gmail.com with any questions or clarification