

Your Excellences, distinguished delegates, dear colleagues,

I am happy to present one good practice in line with of ICPD in our Region - International Institute for Youth Development PETRI - Sofia.

I would like to share with you that we in PETRI have a dream - a dream for a world where everyone has fulfilled his/ her potential and people meters more for each other. The process should start in an early age and this is what PETRI is trying to contribute to.

The aim of PETRI-Sofia's is empowerment of young people for youth involvement and leadership in the Region of Eastern Europe and Central Asia and beyond.

PETRI responds to some pressing needs of young people addressing SRH, comprehensive sexuality education, SRH services, prevention of HIV, STIs, unintended pregnancy, early marriages and gender based violence.

More than 800 youth educators, national and international trainers were part of our capacity building program. We have standardized training courses in youth leadership, peer education, STHR advocacy, HIV prevention for key populations, project development and management, theater based peer education and edutainment.

One of our programs we are very proud with is PETRI Sofia International Fellowship Programs. 49 young leaders from 22 countries have working as PETRI team members for 4 to 6 months and I should assure you that they are the PETRI developers. the first time in human history young generation are more competent than the adults in the area of leading technologies. And now in PETRI we exchange knowledge.

PETRI is a unique example for three reasons:

1. It is a joint initiative of a Governmental Institution- the National Centre of Public Health and Analyses, Bulgaria, an International Development Agency UNFPA and an International Youth Network YPEER. YPEER is a youth ground breaking Network in more than 50 countries over the Globe.

PETRI was recognized by the MFA Bulgaria and for three years now our programs are supported through Bulgarian Development Aid.

2. PETRI is a sound example of Youth adult partnership where young people are the engine and professionals are a supportive resource.

- 3 PETRI is an example of partnership between young people from different countries, different cultures, different communities.

At the end I would like to conclude that we Recall the commitment in 2014 Chair summary, supporting the Regional report and ICPD monitoring framework.