

## **Generelt indlæg, ICPD review-konference 2023.**

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Denmark proudly co-hosted the Nairobi Summit four years ago, marking ICPD25. This milestone event became an ambitious collective pledge to ensure women's and girls' rights to make decisions about their own bodies.

Since the last review conference, we have seen progress but also setbacks in our region.

Women are increasingly in managerial positions. More countries include comprehensive sexuality education in the national curriculum.

At the same time, maternal mortality progress has slowed in the region, one in six women has an unmet need for family planning, and there is pressure on LGBT+-rights.

In a Danish context we also experience challenges: gender segregation in the labor market and in education. Women are not equally represented in leadership positions, especially in the private sector. Sexually transmitted diseases remain a problem especially among youth.

But we have also worked to ensure progress:

Denmark has strengthened its legal code to bring down intimate partner violence and killings.

We have introduced consent based rape legislation. And ensured stronger legal protection of LGBT+ persons. We have strengthened comprehensive sexuality education in schools, and improved conditions for paternity leave.

This year we are celebrating 50 years of legal abortion in Denmark. But we cannot take these rights for granted and the Government has initiated parliamentary negotiations on strengthening abortion legislation.

As we approach ICPD30, it is crucial to sustain momentum. We must keep the torch, which was ignited at the Nairobi summit four years ago, burning brightly. And we need the young generation, who will eventually carry the torch onwards, to show the direction. Denmark is happy to co-host the global youth dialogue taking place in Benin in February. Our objective is clear: to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights for all. This should be our message to the Summit of the Future.