Sponsoring Organizations

The Center for Environment and Population (CEP) is a non-profit research, policy and advocacy organization that addresses key issues relating to women, population, and the environment. The Center’s cross-sectoral programs focus on women and girls’ empowerment and education, sustainable development, reproductive health and rights, youth, and development issues in the US and globally. Through award-winning resource materials and strategically planned activities, the Center uniquely strengthens the scientific basis of policies and advocacy to achieve a long-term sustainable balance between people and the natural environment, and to improve the lives and health of women and children in the US and worldwide. Website: www.cepnet.org.

The Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE) is a US based non-governmental organization whose mission is to ensure that U.S. foreign policies and programs promote women’s and girls’ sexual and reproductive health within a human rights framework. CHANGE believes that every individual has the right to basic information, technologies, and services needed to enjoy a healthy and safe sexual and reproductive life free from coercion and preventable illness. CHANGE envisions a world where sexual and reproductive health and rights are universally recognized and sexual and reproductive health care is accessible and available to all. Website: www.genderhealth.org

Pathfinder International’s mission is to ensure that people everywhere have the right and opportunity to live a healthy sexual and reproductive life. Pathfinder places reproductive health services at the center of all that we do—believing that health care is not only a fundamental human right but is critical for expanding opportunities for women, families, communities, and nations, while paving the way for transformations in environmental stewardship, decreases in population pressures, and innovations in poverty reduction. In more than 25 countries, Pathfinder provides women, men, and adolescents with a range of quality health services—from contraception and maternal care to HIV prevention and AIDS care and treatment. Website: www.pathfinder.org

Planned Parenthood Global For 40 years, Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) has been working overseas to ensure that women, men, and young people in some of the world’s most neglected areas have access to the health care they need to control their bodies and their futures. By partnering with local advocates, medical service providers, and youth leaders and helping to build sustainable networks and organizations, we find innovative ways to deliver critical services and fight for more inclusive laws and policies. Website: www.plannedparenthood.org

Population Action International advocates for women and families to have access to contraception in order to improve their health, reduce poverty and protect their environment. Our research and advocacy strengthen US and international assistance for family planning by building the evidence base and political will for these programs. We work with local and national leaders in developing countries to improve their reproductive health care programs and policies. PAI shows how these programs are critical to global concerns, such as preventing HIV, combating the effects of environmental degradation and climate change, and strengthening national security. PAI is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that accepts no government funding, and is supported by tax-deductible contributions from individuals and foundations. We recognize that great inequalities exist in accessing contraception throughout the world, and strive to expand its reach as far as possible. Website: www.populationaction.org.

Speakers’ Biographies

Purnima Mane, PhD, President and CEO, Pathfinder International
As President and CEO of Pathfinder, Purnima Mane oversees more than 850 staff around the world and sexual and reproductive health programs in more than 20 developing countries. She is a distinguished diplomat, leader, manager, academician, and social activist, as well as an internationally recognized expert on gender and sexual and reproductive health. Purnima assumed leadership of Pathfinder in February 2012, with more than 30 years of leadership experience, the last 15 years of which have been in the United Nations system, including UNAIDS and the World Health Organization. Most recently, as Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director (Programme) of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), she directed global policies and programs for the agency. Prior to embarking on her international career, Purnima spent over a decade advancing public health
and gender-related issues in her native India, where she served as Associate Professor at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, and received her MA, MPhil, and PhD in social work with a focus on women in the work force. She has coauthored four books and is the founding editor of the journal *Culture, Health and Sexuality*. In 2011, Purnima completed her term as co-chair of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health. Today, she serves on the Policy Advisory Committee for the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative. Purnima draws on her wealth of experience to advance Pathfinder’s mission—to ensure that people everywhere have the right and opportunity to live a healthy sexual and reproductive life.

**Lucy Shillingi, Uganda Country Representative, Pathfinder International**

Lucy Shillingi has 20 years of public health development experience, with a focus on HIV/AIDS programs in Africa. Lucy joined Pathfinder International as the Uganda Country Representative in 2010. She came to the position after serving as the Acting Chief of Party and Deputy Chief of Party/Technical Director for the Capacity Strengthening for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Impact Migration (SHARP) Project, a USAID flagship HIV/AIDS project in Ghana. Under the SHARP Project, she oversaw 21 local grantees and worked with 35 health facilities through capacity building interventions focusing on strengthening integrated service delivery systems, community development, financial transparency and accountability systems, performance-based funding, and governance systems development. Prior to this position, Lucy was Deputy Chief of Party on the Uganda Programme for Human and Holistic Develop (UHOLD) Project, which focused on education, health, and HIV/AIDS in partnership with civil society organizations, local district governments, and the Ministries of Health, Education, Gender, Labor, and Community Development. She has previously worked for the Gates Foundation-funded Africa Youth Alliance Project as a Regional Technical Advisor, covering Botswana, Ghana, Tanzania, and Uganda; Save the Children (UK); and The AIDS Support Organization (TASO). Lucy holds a MPH from the University of Liverpool, a Post-Graduate Certificate in Reproductive Health, HIV/AIDS, and Family Planning Management from Cardiff University, and a BA in Social Work and Social Administration from Makerere University.

**Aziza Ahmed, Assistant Professor of Law, Northeastern University School of Law**

Professor Ahmed teaches reproductive and sexual health and rights, international health law, and property. Her research areas include health and law (international and domestic), human rights, and sexual and reproductive health and rights. She approaches her research from a range of critical perspectives. Professor Ahmed’s scholarship is interdisciplinary, and often draws from both public health and law methodologies and literature. Alongside her work on public health, Professor Ahmed also writes about the changing global landscape of Muslim minorities after 9/11. Professor Ahmed holds a law degree from the University of California Berkeley, a Master of Science in population and international health from the Harvard School of Public Health, and a BA from Emory University. Prior to joining the Northeastern faculty, she was a research associate at the Harvard School of Public Health Program on International Health and Human Rights. She came to that position after a Women’s Law and Public Policy Fellowship with the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (ICW). At ICW, Professor Ahmed engaged in numerous human rights projects pertaining to HIV and AIDS. Professor Ahmed has worked on human rights and social justice issues in South Africa, Namibia, the Caribbean, India and the United States. She has worked with and for various United Nations agencies, international and domestic non-governmental organizations. Professor Ahmed is currently a member of the Technical Advisory Group on HIV and the Law convened by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). She has also served as an expert for the American Bar Association and continues to support the work of many civil society organizations domestically and internationally.

**Latanya Mapp Frett, Vice President-Global, Planned Parenthood Federation of America**

Latanya Mapp Frett joined PPFA as Vice President Global February 2011 and she comes to Planned Parenthood with a distinguished and extensive track record in international development work, including eight years with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and ten years with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Most recently, she served as Program Director for USAID/Egypt, where she directed a $1.1 billion international aid portfolio in development areas including democracy and governance, environment, health, education, policy reform, private sector partnerships, agriculture and antiquities. Latanya is a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer. A native of Philadelphia, Latanya has lived and worked in Iraq, Pakistan and eight African countries. Throughout her career, she has maintained a special commitment to health and rights for women and young people, first as a child rights officer for UNICEF and later as USAID program director in several countries where her portfolios included health, HIV/AIDS, and education. She has been an active member of the international human rights community since serving as a Delegate to the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing 1995. An attorney by training, Latanya began her career at the NAACP Legal and Education Fund in Washington, D.C. and maintains a deep commitment to civil and human rights. She holds a bachelor of arts in government and politics, a master’s in public policy and a J.D. from the University of Maryland. Latanya is the recipient of many honors and awards in her career including two esteemed meritorious honor awards from the U.S. Government and the highest honor in civil service, the superior honor award from the U.S. State Department. She was also one of 30 Foreign Service Officers honored with the Collin Powell Fellowship by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. She is also a Woodrow Wilson Fellow and author of four UN human rights publications.