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New Dates Announced for International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP)

Nusa Dua, Indonesia (13 November 2015) – Conference organizers announced today that the fourth International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) will be rescheduled for 25–28 January 2016 in Nusa Dua, Indonesia. Previously, conference organizers had postponed the November 2015 conference dates due to a volcanic eruption on the nearby island of Lombok.

“Postponing the November conference activities was an extremely difficult decision, but we believe it was the right thing to do to protect the health and safety of our valued delegates and to maximize the value of the ICFP for the family planning community,” said Jose “Oying” Rimon II, Director of the Gates Institute and Chair of the ICFP International Steering Committee.

“We would like to thank all of our partners for their support over the last week, and in particular we would like to thank the Government of Indonesia for their guidance and hospitality. We are pleased to confirm that the fourth ICFP will be held in Nusa Dua in late January 2016, and we are excited to reconvene the family planning community so soon,” Rimon continued.

More information on the conference postponement and plans for new dates can be found here.

Co-hosted by the Bill & Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the National Population and Family Planning Board of Indonesia (BKKBN), the ICFP is the largest international meeting focused on family planning.

Family planning is frequently cited as one of the best investments in global development. Meeting the global unmet need for family planning services could save an estimated 1 in 4 women from deaths related to pregnancy or childbirth and prevent 1.1 million infant deaths each year, and expanding access to contraception will play a critical role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

The ICFP theme will be “Global Commitments, Local Actions” to highlight international and domestic efforts to improve contraceptive information and services and help ensure that family planning remains a priority for policymakers and donors across sectors.

WHAT: 4th International Conference for Family Planning (ICFP)
WHERE: Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center, Nusa Dua, Indonesia

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ABOUT THE ICFP: Held biennially since 2009, the ICFP serves as a strategic inflection point for the family planning community worldwide. It provides an opportunity for scientists, researchers, policymakers and advocates to disseminate knowledge, celebrate successes and identify next steps toward reaching the goal of enabling an additional 120 million women to access voluntary, quality contraception by 2020.

Scheduled for 25–28 January 2016, the forthcoming ICFP is co-hosted by the Bill & Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the National Population and Family Planning Board of Indonesia (BKKBN). The conference is made possible through the ICFP Core Group—the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, UNFPA, USAID, FP2020, the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), Marie Stopes International (MSI) and the UN Foundation—as well as the International Steering Committee and National Steering Committee of the ICFP.

MORE INFORMATION: To learn more about the ICFP, please visit http://fpconference.org/.

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