



## **Guiding Principles**

from the ICPD Programme of Action

## **Principle 1**

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

## **Principle 2**

Human beings are at the  
centre of concerns  
for sustainable development.  
People are the most important and  
valuable resource of any nation.

## **Principle 3**

The right to development is a universal and inalienable right and an integral part of fundamental human rights.



## **Principle 4**

Advancing gender equality and equity and the empowerment of women, and eliminating all forms of violence against women, are the cornerstones of population and development-related programmes.

## **Principle 5**

Population-related goals and policies are integral parts of cultural, economic and social development, the principal aim of which is to improve the quality of life of all people.

## **Principle 6**

Sustainable development requires that the interrelationships between population, resources and development are fully recognized and brought into harmonious, dynamic balance.

## **Principle 7**

All States and all people shall cooperate in the essential task of eradicating poverty.



## **Principle 8**

Everyone has the right to enjoy the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. All couples and individuals have the basic right to decide freely and responsibly the number and spacing of their children and to have the information, education and means to do so.

## **Principle 9**

The family is the basic unit of society and, as such, should be strengthened. It is entitled to receive comprehensive protection and support. Various forms of the family exist.

## **Principle 10**

Everyone has the right to education.

Education should be designed to  
strengthen respect for human rights and  
fundamental freedoms.

## **Principle 11**

The child has the right to an adequate standard of living, health and education and to be free from neglect, exploitation and abuse.

## **Principle 12**

Countries receiving documented migrants should provide proper treatment and adequate social welfare services for them and their families, and should ensure their physical safety and security.

## **Principle 13**

Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.

## **Principle 14**

States should recognize and support the identity, culture and interests of indigenous people and enable them to participate fully.

## **Principle 15**

Sustained economic growth and social progress require that growth be broadly based, offering equal opportunities to all people.



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YOU**