

<b>Name of session:</b>	Innovation, Resilience and Sustainability: Changing Times for Reproductive Health and Rights
<b>Organiser/s of session:</b>	Angela Dawson, Deborah Bateson, Jacqueline Coombe
<b>Focus of session:</b> <i>Note: The section will be put on the website and used in marketing materials</i>	<p>The world is in uncertain times. The climate change emergency is profoundly affecting reproductive health and rights by reducing access to services in natural and human-made disasters and increasing vulnerability to chronic and infectious diseases through pollution and environmental degradation. Innovative approaches to the delivery of reproductive health care, services and information are needed. This session will cover responses to natural and human-made disasters and provide insights for policy and practice that harness novel approaches, build resilient health systems and enable future generations to meet their reproductive health needs.</p> <p>While this session acknowledges the importance of linking sexual and reproductive health, we will focus on areas of reproductive health (contraception, abortion and reproductive coercion) that have not featured elsewhere in this conference.</p>
<b>Learning Objectives for session (expected outcomes):</b> <i>Note: The section will be put on the website and used in marketing materials</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examine the environmental, economic, socio-cultural and structural factors that influence reproductive health in times of change</li> <li>• Discuss reproductive health service policy and programming that can adapt to change and deliver care in challenging circumstances</li> <li>• Identify the importance of self-determination and technology for addressing reproductive health needs</li> <li>• Explore how a rights based approach to reproductive health can further a collective response to climate change</li> </ul>

<p><b>Preferred delivery type (live or pre-recorded).</b> Please note the committee will ultimately decide where the session is location in the program and how it is best to be delivered.</p>	<p>Live and pre-recorded (</p>
<p><b>Session Moderator/chair (if required)</b></p>	<p>Dr Jacqueline Coombe Dr Tanmay Bagade</p>
<p><b>Topic 1:</b></p> <p><b>Speaker 1:</b></p> <p><b>Speaker Email:</b></p> <p><b>Time Allocation:</b></p> <p><b>Proposed content:</b></p>	<p>Reproductive Health in Times of Crisis Angela Dawson</p> <p>15 mins</p> <p>Wars, conflict, and natural disasters have led to the highest surge in human displacement globally since World War II. A lack of access to sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services, information and rights is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality amongst displaced women and girls of reproductive age. There has been a lack of investment in contraception in these settings, and there are significant gaps in the provision of safe abortion care and clinical care for survivors of sexual assault. The Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for Reproductive Health is a global standard set of priority activities that form the starting point for SRH in a crisis. Developed by the Inter-Agency Working Group on Reproductive Health, the MISP has been widely adopted and integrated into humanitarian activities. This presentation will explore preparedness efforts to respond to SRHR with reference to examples in the region.</p>
<p><b>Topic 2:</b></p> <p><b>Speaker 2:</b></p> <p><b>Speaker Email:</b></p> <p><b>Time Allocation:</b></p> <p><b>Proposed content:</b></p>	<p>Reproductive Health Policy and Practice in Changing Times</p> <p>Deborah Bateson 15 mins</p>

	<p>The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting sexual and reproductive health (SRH) worldwide in positive and negative ways. There are reports of decreased uptake of SRH services, increased intimate partner violence and, in some settings, reduced access to contraception and safe abortion care. Vulnerable populations are disproportionately affected, including young people, Indigenous people and those who identify as LGBTIQ. Predictions have been made about higher rates of unintended pregnancy, unsafe abortion and untreated sexually transmitted infections. However, this pandemic has also led to the rapid implementation of new policies, practices and even enactment of laws to remove barriers to contraception and abortion care which could otherwise take years of bureaucracy to overturn. The presentation will examine the range of innovations occurring in countries around the world, including Australia, which incorporate the needs of individuals, families and communities. This pandemic presents an unparalleled opportunity to advance sustainable contraception and abortion care policy and services which we cannot afford to miss.</p>
<p><b>Topic 3:</b>  <b>Speaker 3:</b>    <b>Speaker Email:</b>  <b>Time Allocation:</b>  <b>Proposed content:</b></p>	<p>Reproductive Self-Care: Fostering Resilience in a Changing World  Megan Christofield</p> <p>15 mins</p> <p>WHO describes self-care as the “ability of individuals, families and communities to promote health, prevent disease, maintain health, and cope with illness and disability with or without the support of a health care provider.” While such self-directed health has played a critical role in health and well being over the ages, the advent of new products and technologies, paired with WHO’s recent self-care guidelines, position self-care to fill SRH service gaps and bolster universal health coverage like never before. To realize such potential, however, self-care must be situated within a rights-based, gender-sensitive, people-</p>

	<p>centered, and health-system integrated approach. This presentation will provide an overview of recent advances and discourse around self-care for SRH, including the work of the Self-Care Trailblazer Group, a global coalition of partners that aims to advance the landscape of self-care for sexual/reproductive health and rights.</p>
<p><b>Topic 4:</b> <b>Speaker 4:</b></p> <p><b>Speaker Email:</b> <b>Time Allocation:</b> <b>Proposed content:</b></p>	<p>Activism for Reproductive Rights and Climate Justice Osman Faruqi</p> <p>15 mins</p> <p>Abuse of reproductive health and rights, including the forced and coerced use of contraception and abortion, has occurred across the world amongst marginalised populations under the guise of population control. Population control policies have been a more common part of the conversation around the response to climate change.</p> <p>This presentation will explore how political activism and advocacy can be brought to bear to bring about legal and policy change to secure reproductive health and rights while also addressing issues like climate change, and shifting to focus to resource consumption rather than coercive methods of control.</p>
<p><b>Key questions for discussion:</b> If discussion period allocated.</p> <p>These may be developed in conjunction with the invited speakers. Seek conference committee input as required.</p>	<p>What policy changes should we be advocating for right now to ensure a sustainable rights-based approach to reproductive health? What preparedness activities should we be undertaking to better respond to reproductive health in complex emergencies and build resilience? What approaches need to be taken to better integrate reproductive health self-care into health systems? How can we integrate and propel reproductive justice and climate justice?</p>

**Bios**

**Dr Jacqueline Coombe**

Dr Jacqueline Coombe is a Research Officer at the University of Melbourne, working on a project which aims to develop a model for strengthening chlamydia case management in general practice. Jacqueline's research interests broadly lie in sexual and reproductive health, particularly (non-)use of long-acting reversible contraception, and pregnancy intention. More recently, she has been leading a project exploring the sexual and reproductive health impact of COVID-19 on people living in Australia. Jacqueline is a qualitative researcher, with a particular interest in the use of free-text comments collected in health surveys as qualitative data.

**Dr Tanmay Bagade**

Dr Tanmay Bagade is a Lecturer at the University of Newcastle (Australia). Tanmay is an Obstetrician who has worked in India, Somalia, and Papua New Guinea. He has worked with several international organisations such as World Health Organisation (WHO), United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA), Women and Health Alliance International (WAHA), Edna Adan University Hospital, Divine Word University (DWU), etc. Medical education and Global health have been his passion and expertise for the past 16 years. He will complete his PhD (Gender and Health) in 2020, where he has analysed data of 193 countries to investigate the interrelations of indicators of gender equality with maternal and child health from a global human rights perspective. His study uses women's rights-based framework to explain the critical challenges that should be addressed to improve women and children's health and well-being.

**Prof Deborah Bateson**

Deborah is the Medical Director of Family Planning NSW and Clinical Associate Professor in the Discipline of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Neonatology at the University of Sydney. She has worked as a clinician, educator, researcher and advocate in sexual and reproductive health and rights for almost 20 years in Australia and internationally. Deborah is a member of the SPHERE Coalition for Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health during COVID-19 and the Australian and Asia Pacific ASHM Taskforces on BBVs, Sexual Health and COVID-19. In 2019 Deborah was awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

**Prof Angela Dawson**

Angela is a public health social scientist at the University of Technology Sydney with expertise in maternal and reproductive health service delivery to priority populations in Australia and low and lower middle-income countries. She has undertaken research into the delivery of reproductive health services in humanitarian emergencies, the management and referral of women who have experienced domestic violence as well as access to abortion and contraception. Angela is the convenor of the Public Health Association of Australian Women's Health Special Interest group, a member of the Interagency working group of reproductive health in crisis and an Associate Editor of the journal BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth. Angela is an NHMRC Translational research

fellow examining approaches to counselling women at the point of care and the recipient of the Sax prize for research impact.

**Megan Christofield,**

Megan Christofield is a Technical Advisor at Jhpiego, a global health implementing organization affiliated with Johns Hopkins University. At Jhpiego she provides family planning technical assistance and serves as a global technical lead for self-care. Megan is a member of the Self-Care Trailblazer Group, and serves on the Steering Committee, the executive oversight body for the Group, providing guidance, recommendations, long-term vision, policy, project prioritization and review. Megan specializes in supporting teams through product introduction and scale-up, use of systematic advocacy approaches, and application of design thinking. She's a recognized thought leader in the movement towards universal access to contraception, published in the journal of Global Health Science & Practice, STAT, and interviewed in WIRED. Megan holds an MPH in Women's and Reproductive Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

**Osman Faruqi**

Osman Faruqi is a writer, broadcaster and commentator. He was born in Pakistan and came to Australia at the age of 2. Osman is the editor of *7am*, Schwartz Media's daily news podcast. He was previously the deputy editor of *ABC Life* and an award-winning reporter with the ABC's flagship audio documentary program, *Background Briefing*. He presents on *The Mix*, the ABC's arts and culture TV program, and was formerly Junkee Media's news and politics editor. He has judged the Walkley Awards and the NSW Premier's Literary Awards and sat on the Board of FBi Radio. He is currently writing a book about race relations in Australia, due out in 2021. Osman is a former political candidate for The Greens party.