

UNFPA 'Strategic Plan'

An acrostic poem

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S is for SUSTAINABLE Development Goals -- the Strategy inspires us to strongly boldly go

T's for THE TEN 10-year-old girl -- she beckons: build our world back better, so I can thrive and grow

R is for RESULTS -- with partners in 150 countries in which we'll implement

A is for ACCELERATORS -- interconnected menu of 6, they'll help us orient

T's for TRANSFORMATIVE -- the trilogy of zeros at the heart of all we'll do

E is for ENDING maternal deaths, unmet need, GBV and harmful practice - all are ended too

G is for GENDER equality -- rights, choices and changing social norms

I is for ICPD -- from Cairo to Nairobi, pushing back the push-back storms

C is for CALL to action -- SRHR for one and all! Gathering partners, and building innovative platforms

P is for PEOPLE -- the heart of UNFPA, our Staff and all of those we work with to create a better day

L's for LOVE -- love for me, love for you, love for every woman and girl along our mandate-way

A's for ACCOUNTABILITY -- step by steady step, staying on mission we won't be shy

N is for NEVER. Never shall we cease to try, welcoming surprises till we find that we can fly

Since early 2020 in response to the restrictions in staff coming together due to remote working, UNFPA has been running the 'Arts and Culture Lounge' (ACL). The Lounge serves as a virtual platform in which staff and external guests share their artistic talents as a creative way to engage with the UNFPA mandate through the arts as well as to learn and appreciate the diversity among staff. The UNFPA Executive Board recently approved its Strategic Plan 2022-2025, and the ACL gathered senior management of the UNFPA Executive Committee and staff across different levels of the organization to celebrate the Strategic Plan through the arts. One piece was an 'acrostic poem' penned by David Sunderland and Dawn Minott and recited by 13 Staff ranging in categories and across levels, each delivering a line starting with the first letter to spell out 'Strategic Plan'.