

Hybrid Meeting

**Round Table: debrief
Commission on
Population and
Development and
discussion on the
backlash in the USA**

14th June
2022

15.00 -17.00
CET

RSVP [here](#)
before June
12th !

Share-Net and WO=MEN, in collaboration with Rutgers and CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality, will organize a roundtable meeting on June 14.

The aim is to: 1) debrief about the 55th Commission on Population and Development, April 2022; 2) discuss about the backlash in the USA, its possible consequences and what can be done to counter these developments. **The meeting will take place on the 14th of June 2022 at the WO=MEN office, Korte Poten 9B, in The Hague from 15.00 to 17.00, with drinks afterwards. Doors open at 14.30.** The location is only accessible by stairs. The meeting can also be attended online. The meeting is in English.

The Theme of this years' Commission on Population and Development (CPD) was 'Population and sustainable development, in particular sustained and inclusive economic growth', and was held as an in-person meeting from 25 – 29 April. Negotiations which had started prior to the actual meeting, ended with the adoption of an outcome document. The Netherlands was part of the Bureau for CPD, and leading negotiations with member states.

The second part of the meeting will be devoted to different development in the USA. These include the work done to repeal the Global Gag Rule once and for all – which didn't work out as planned; the expected repeal of Roe versus Wade – the federal abortion law – by the Supreme Court; the state laws restricting abortion; and recent developments on banning certain education materials which might make students uncomfortable. These developments are a severe threat to sexual and reproductive rights in the US itself, and can be a forebode for what to expect in other regions of the world. We will jointly strategize how to counter these developments.

Places are limited. **Please RSVP for the in person event before June 12th using [this link](#).** In case you cannot attend due to unexpected circumstances, please let us know in advance.

Programme

14.30 – 15.00	Registration
15.00 – 15.05	Welcome Yvonne Bogaarts (Rutgers) and Quirine Lengkeek (CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality)
15.05 – 16.00	Debrief Commission on Population and Development Evi van den Dungen (Rutgers) and Rineke van Dam (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) Q&A
16.00 – 17.00	Development in the USA Serra Sippel (Fòs Feminista) Discussion
17.00 – 18.00	Drinks