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**Regional Advocacy Caucuses:**

**Regional advocacy leaders hold caucuses to spur homegrown action for girls and women**

Turning global commitments into local actions will be the focus of eight [regional advocacy caucuses](#) on Thursday, May 19, at the [Women Deliver conference](#) in Copenhagen.

Spearheaded by nongovernmental organizations from around the world, the caucuses will bring together more than 500 diverse participants from over 117 countries to advance homegrown solutions to strengthen the health, rights, and well-being of girls and women in each region.

PATH and Women Deliver are sponsoring the caucuses to set and build momentum for regional and national plans to advance the global Sustainable Development Goals so they matter most for girls and women. Organizers and participants will develop advocacy strategies on a variety of regional priorities, from ending child marriage and ensuring safe childbirth rights to promoting the sexual and reproductive rights of youth and adolescents, among others.

<b>WHO:</b>	<p>A diverse cross-section of policymakers, civil society organizations, youth advocates, and other stakeholders will participate. Caucuses will be led by representatives from nongovernmental organizations with expertise or experience in the region, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eastern Africa region: <a href="#">Faridah Luyiga Mwanje</a>, White Ribbon Alliance Uganda</li><li>• Western Africa region: <a href="#">Paul Ojajuni</a>, HACEY Health Initiative</li><li>• Central Africa region: <a href="#">Numfor Alenwi Munteh</a>, Cameroon Agenda for Sustainable Development</li><li>• Southern Africa region: <a href="#">Ellen Hagerman and Chibwe Salati</a>, Hivos</li><li>• Southeast Asia &amp; Pacific region: <a href="#">Kabir Singh and Alexandra Johns</a>, Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights</li><li>• Southern Asia region: <a href="#">Qadeer Baig and Imran Haider</a>, Rutgers Pakistan</li><li>• Central Asia &amp; Eastern Europe region: <a href="#">Daniela Drandic of RODA and Elena Ateva</a>, RODA – Parents in Action</li><li>• Latin America &amp; the Caribbean region: <a href="#">Mayra Zamaniego and Nayeli Yoval</a>, Elige Red de Jóvenes por los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos, A.C.</li></ul>
<b>WHAT:</b>	<b>Eight regional advocacy caucuses</b>
<b>WHERE:</b>	Women Deliver Conference, Bella Center (Room B 4), Copenhagen, Denmark

<b>WHEN:</b>	Thursday, May 19, 2016 *** 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. CET
<b>HOW:</b>	To apply to join one of the caucuses, please register <a href="#">here</a> or for more information please contact Kristen Kelleher at <a href="mailto:kkelleher@path.org">kkelleher@path.org</a> . <i>Note: you must be registered for the Women Deliver Conference to attend this session.</i>

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### **About Women Deliver**

As a leading global advocate for girls' and women's health, rights and wellbeing, [Women Deliver](#) brings together diverse voices and interests to drive progress, particularly in maternal, sexual, and reproductive health and rights. It builds capacity, shares solutions, and forges partnerships, together creating coalitions, communication, and action that spark political commitment and investment in girls and women. Women Deliver believes that when the world invests in girls and women, everybody wins.