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**Biographies of experts**

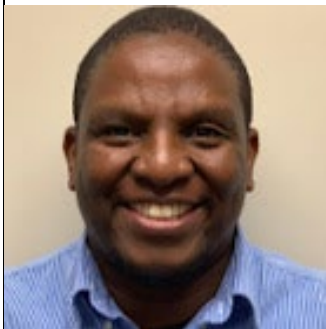
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	<p><b>Dr. Venkatraman Chandra-Mouli</b> works on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health in the World Health Organization's Department of Reproductive Health and Research. His work includes building the epidemiologic and evidence base and supporting countries to translate this evidence into action through well-conceived and well-managed policies and programs. He has contributed to strengthening policies and programmes, in different social, cultural and economic contexts, and authored several publications in peer-reviewed journal articles and World Health Organization's publications.</p>
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**Cheryl Sawyer** is Senior Population Affairs Officer in the Population Division of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. She leads the Division's programme planning and management and is a core member of the team responsible for substantive support to the Commission on Population and Development. She has contributed to numerous reports of the Secretary-General and technical publications on population issues. Prior to joining the United Nations, she worked in the International Programs Center of the United States Census Bureau.



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