

**UNITED NATIONS EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON
“PRIORITIES FOR IMPROVED SURVIVAL: ICPD BEYOND 2014”**

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OBJECTIVE

The Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), adopted in Cairo in 1994, was a landmark document that affirmed the inextricable linkages between population, development and human rights. A special session of the United Nations General Assembly will be held in September 2014 to review the progress and achievements of the Programme of Action, to assess the status of its implementation, and to renew consensus and global commitment towards the goals and objectives contained therein.

This Expert Group Meeting will bring together mortality experts to reflect on progress and challenges toward achieving the survival goals that were set out in the ICPD Programme of Action and to discuss anticipated future challenges to reductions in mortality that should be addressed in the ICPD beyond 2014 and in the post-2015 development agenda. Contributed papers and presentations will address topics including:

- Challenges and opportunities for further reductions in infant and child mortality
- Evolving mortality risks associated with infectious diseases
- Priorities in women’s health
- The changing landscape of non-communicable diseases and associated risk factors
- Evolving trends in health and mortality at older ages
- Incentivizing use of health care
- Promoting healthy lifestyles

The first day of the expert group meeting will be devoted to presentations and related discussions. During the second day of the meeting, mortality experts will join together with experts from the parallel expert group meeting on fertility to engage in two sessions of interactive discussions. The first session will review the findings from the first day of the parallel meetings and experts will discuss the key messages on mortality and fertility to be recommended for inclusion in the report of the Secretary General on World Demographic Trends, which will be issued in advance of the 2014 Commission on Population and Development. In the second session, experts will discuss how to improve the availability, public access to and utilization of data and evidence on fertility and health.