**UNITED NATIONS EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON
POLICY RESPONSES TO LOW FERTILITY**
Population Division
Department of Economic and Social Affairs
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ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Monday, 02 November 2015

08:30 – 09:00: Registration (Conference Room 8)

09:00 – 09:30 **Session I: Opening of the meeting**

- o Welcome: *John Wilmoth, Population Division, UNDESA*

- o Overview of the project on Policy Responses to Low Fertility: *Minja Kim Choe, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI*

- o Scope and objectives of the meeting: *Vinod Mishra, Population Division, UNDESA*

09:30 – 11:00 **Session II: Emergence of low fertility and its consequences**

Chair*: Sangho Kim, Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs (KIHASA)*

- o Overview of trends in fertility and population ageing: *Lina Bassarsky, Population Division, UNDESA*

- o Demographic implications of recent shift in China's fertility policy: *Kirill Andreev, Population Division, UNDESA*

- o Developmental consequences of demographic trends: *Syud Amer Ahmed, World Bank*

- o Macro factors behind low fertility: *Tomas Sobotka, Vienna Institute of Demography and Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital, Austria*

- o Policy approaches in countries experiencing low fertility: *Olivier Thevenon, French Institute for Demographic Studies (INED)*

11:00 – 11:15 Break

11:15 – 12:45 **Session III: Responses to low fertility and population ageing**

Moderator: *Renata Kaczmarska, Division for Social Policy and Development, UNDESA*

o   Expert: *Wendy Sigle, Gender Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom*

o   Expert: *Maria Letizia Tanturri, University of Padova, Italy*

o   Expert: *Kyunghee Chung, Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs (KIHASA)*

o   Policymaker perspective: *Heonjoo Kim, Population and Child Policy Bureau, Republic of Korea*

o   Regional/global perspective: *Ann Pawliczko, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)*

12:45 – 14:45 Lunch break

14:45 – 16:15 **Session IV: Context and policy options in countries with very low fertility**

Moderator: *Nicolaas van Nimwegen, Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute*

o   Expert: *Gavin W. Jones, Australian Demographic and Social Research Institute, Australian National University*

o   Expert: *Pau Baizan-Munoz, Catalan Institution for Research and Advanced Studies (ICREA) and Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain*

o   Expert: *Samsik Lee, Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs (KIHASA)*

o   Policymaker perspective: *Kittipong Sae-Jeng, Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand*

o   Regional/global perspective: *Vitalija Gaucaite Wittich, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe*

16:15 – 16:30 Break

16:30 – 18:00 **Session V: Context and policy lessons from countries with near-replacement fertility**

Moderator: *Noriko O. Tsuya, Keio University, Japan*

o   Expert: *Melinda C. Mills, University of Oxford, United Kingdom*

o   Expert: *S. Philip Morgan, University of North Carolina, USA*

o   Expert: *Sarah Brauner-Otto, McGill University, Canada*

o   Policymaker perspective: *Petter Odmark, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Sweden*

o   Regional/global perspective: *Terry Hull, Australian National University*

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09:00 – 10:30 **Session VI: Policy options for countries approaching low fertility**

Moderator: *Feng Wang, University of California, Irvine and Fudan University, China*

- o Expert: *Zsolt Speder, Hungarian Demographic Research Institute*
- o Expert: *Anne Gauthier, Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute*
- o Expert: *Ignacio Pardo, Universidad de la Republica, Uruguay*
- o Policymaker perspective: *Jacques van Zuydam, Department for Social Development, South Africa*
- o Regional/global perspective: *Fabiana Del Popolo, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean*

10:30 – 11:45 **Session VII: Conclusions and recommendations**

Chair: *Rachel Snow, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)*

- o Lessons learned and key policy priorities: reports from session moderators (sessions III-VI: 5-7 minutes each): *Renata Kaczmarska, Nicolaas van Nimwegen, Noriko Tsuya and Feng Wang*
- o Cross cutting issues: *Ronald R. Rindfuss, East-West Center and University of North Carolina; Minja Kim Choe, East-West Center, Honolulu, HI*
- o Information gaps and data needs for monitoring policies: *Stuart Basten, University of Oxford, United Kingdom*

11:45 – 12:00 **Session VIII: Closing**

- o Closing remarks: *John Wilmoth, Population Division, UNDESA*