
**UNITED NATIONS EXPERT GROUP MEETING FOR THE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL
OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE FOLLOW-UP
AND REVIEW OF THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

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ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Thursday, 1 November 2018

10.00-10.10 OPENING SESSION

- John Wilmoth, Population Division

10.10 - 10.50 SESSION I: Setting the stage

The session will provide an overview of major demographic trends that are relevant for assessing the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). Presenters will examine demographic “megatrends” that are likely to impact the future implementation of the Programme of Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. They will highlight challenges and issues that will affect the implementation of Programme of Action as well as the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and targets. The session will also discuss how the Programme and Action and the 2030 Agenda can help address population-related challenges and issues.

- Frank Swiaczny, Population Division
- Benoit Kalasa, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Moderator: John Wilmoth, Population Division

10.50 - 13.00 SESSION II: Fertility, reproductive health and population change

The panel will assess progress and identify challenges in protecting and fulfilling the reproductive rights of couples and individuals. Panellists will identify best practices to achieve universal access to reproductive health care and services. The panellists will examine the linkages between sexual and reproductive health, reproductive rights and population dynamics, and will highlight the role of such linkages in implementing the Programme of Action and the 2030 Agenda.

- Suzana Cavenaghi, Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics
- Ann Biddlecom, Guttmacher Institute

Moderator: Karoline Schmid, Population Division

The panel will focus on policy responses to high and low fertility in the context of implementing the ICPD Programme of Action and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Panellists will review best practices for improving maternal health, providing access to contraception and preventing unintended pregnancies. The panel will highlight the role of reproductive health, education and women's empowerment in reducing fertility. Panellists will also reflect on policy interventions in high- and middle-income countries to address the challenges and to benefit from the opportunities presented by low fertility and population ageing.

- Baochang Gu, Renmin University of China
- John Bongaarts, Population Council

- Moderator: Rachel Snow, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Lunch break

15.00 – 18.00 SESSION III: Health, mortality and older persons

The panel will focus on active and healthy ageing. Panellists will discuss the implications of a decline in the working-age population in some countries for achieving productive employment and decent work for all. They will review emerging needs and support mechanisms for ageing populations and discuss how to achieve greater equity in access to health services.

The panel will also discuss the global health transition with a focus on developing countries. It will examine progress in improving health and reducing mortality since the adoption of the ICPD Programme of Action and will assess how future health challenges will differ from those in the recent past. Panellists will discuss the challenges and opportunities for achieving further gains in child survival and reductions in preventable adult mortality.

- David Baxter, Baxter Consulting Group
- Nyovani Madise, African Institute for Development Policy
- Prabhat Jha, University of Toronto

Discussant: Patrick Gerland, Population Division

Moderator: Victor Gaigbe-Togbe, Population Division

Friday, 2 November 2018

10.00 – 12.00 SESSION IV: Urbanisation, internal and international migration

This session focuses on urbanization, internal migration and international migration in the context of sustainable development. Panellists will discuss the role of migration in urbanization and highlight key challenges in promoting sustainable urbanization in developing countries. Panellists will also discuss the linkages between migration and development and assess the demographic impact of migration.

- Ellen Kraly, Colgate University
- Fabrizio Natale, Joint Research Centre, European Commission
- Holly Reed, City University of New York

- Joseph Teye, University of Ghana

Moderator: Bela Hovy, Population Division

12.00 – 13.00 SESSION V: Measuring population-related SDGs and targets

This session will assess progress made in developing and measuring SDG indicators related to population and will identify opportunities and limitations of using the SDG indicator framework for monitoring progress in the further implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action. The session will also address the challenge of identifying a subset of “population-related” targets of the SDGs, in order to provide guidance to the Commission on Population and Development in fulfilling its mandate to offer recommendations based on a solid, evidence-based review of progress on the 2030 Agenda in the Commission’s area of work.

- John Wilmoth, Population Division
- Sikufele Mubita, Central Statistical Office of Zambia

Moderator: Alex Ezeh, Drexel University

Lunch break

15.00 – 16.30 SESSION VI: Implementing the Programme of Action and the 2030 Agenda

This panel discussion will focus on cross-cutting issues that are key for the further implementation of the Programme of Action and the 2030 Agenda. Panellists will discuss the role of civil society and private foundations in achieving population-related Goals and targets as well as their contributions to capacity building, including through South- South cooperation. Panellists will also discuss ways and means of communicating policy-relevant findings about demography and population dynamics.

- Win Brown, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Alex Ezeh, Drexel University
- Hongtao Hu, Partners in Population and Development
- Nyovani Madise, African Institute for Development Policy
- Barbara Sow, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Moderator: Vladimira Kantorova, Population Division

16.30 – 17.50 SESSION VII: Conclusions and way forward

The roundtable will discuss the main findings of the expert group meeting and formulate a set of practical recommendations. The roundtable will also identify knowledge gaps and propose ways and means of addressing these gaps.

Moderator: Jorge Bravo, Population Division

17.50 – 18.00 CLOSING SESSION

- John Wilmoth, Population Division