

Demographic Trends in the Context of the Global Thematic Consultation on Population Dynamics

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The Post-2015 Development Agenda

The MDGs have served as a shared framework for global action since 2000.

The UN is now working closely with different international stakeholders to ensure a sustainable development path beyond 2015.

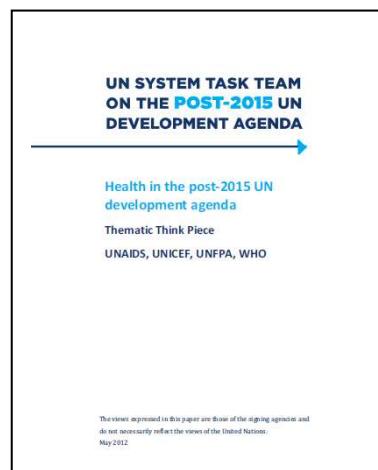
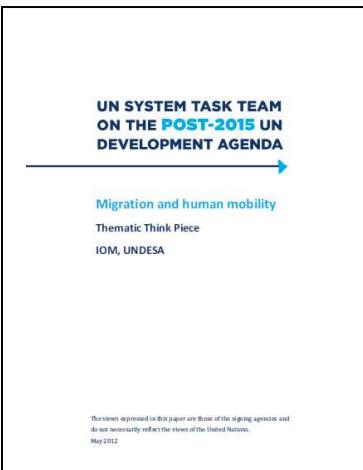
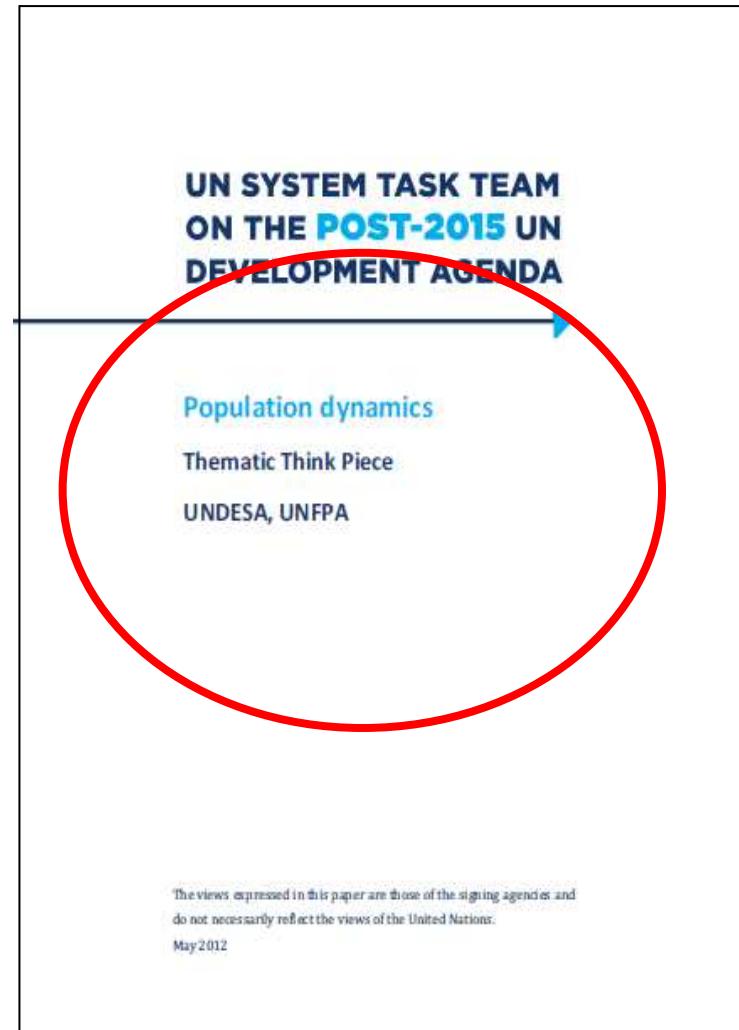
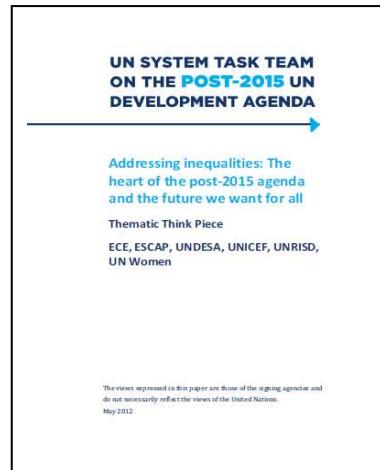
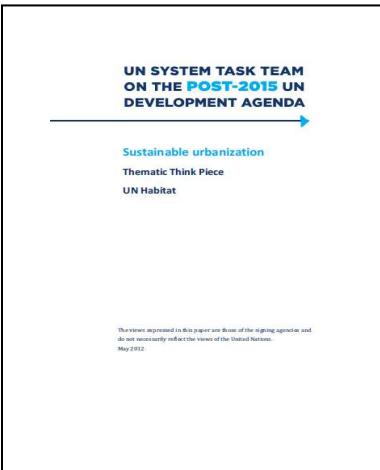
The SG has taken several initiatives:

- High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons
- Special Advisor on Post-2015
- UN System wide Task Team





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Population Challenges

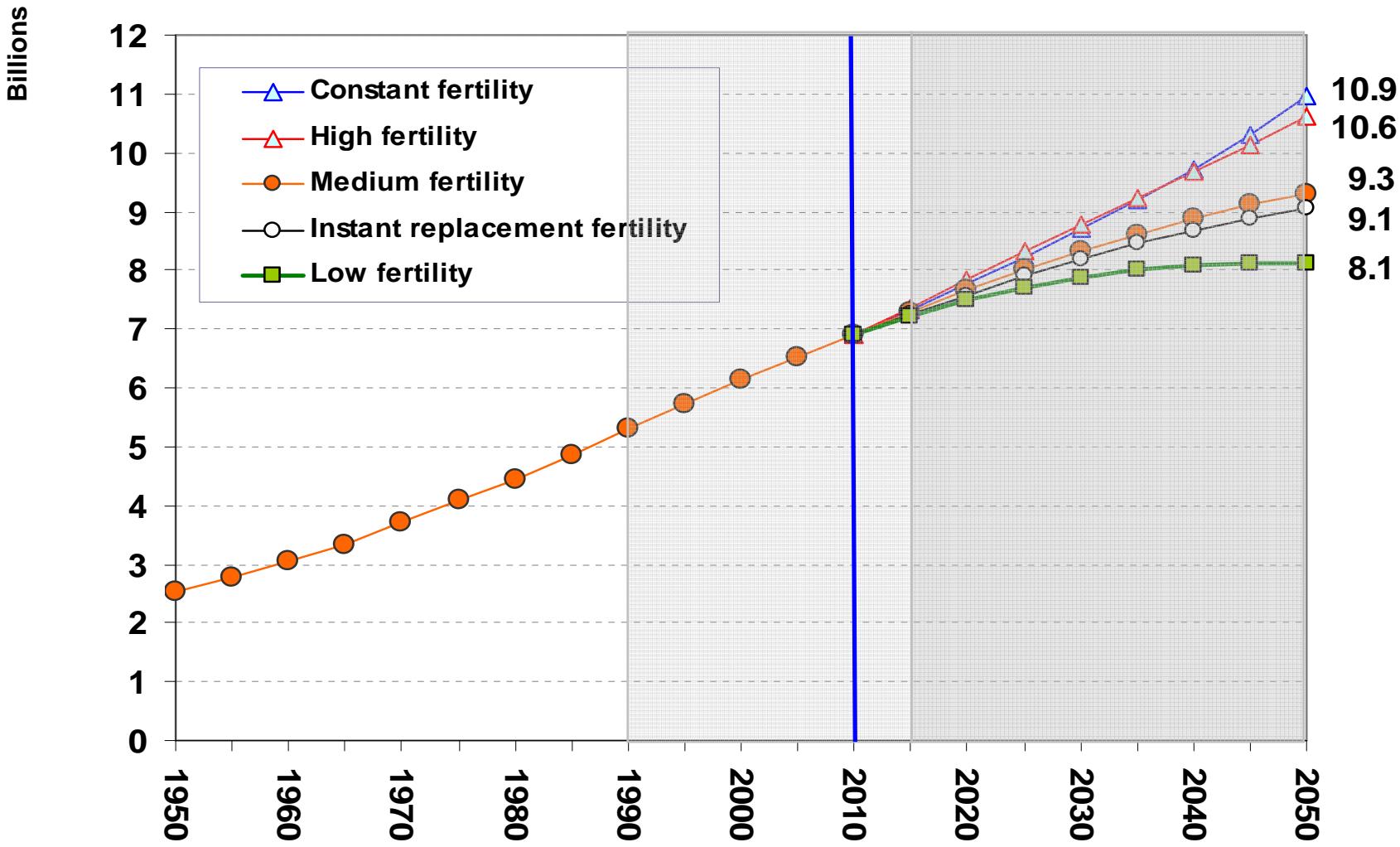
The UN System Wide Task Team identified a number of demographic trends that should be taken into account when developing the post-2015 development agenda:

- ➡ **Change in the Absolute Size of the Population**
 - ➡ Fertility dynamics
 - ➡ Mortality dynamics
- ➡ **Change in the Relative Size of Particular Cohorts**
 - ➡ Youth
 - ➡ Ageing
- ➡ **Change in the Spatial Distribution of the Population**
 - ➡ International and Internal Migration
 - ➡ Concentration (urbanization)



Total Population by Variant, 1950-2050

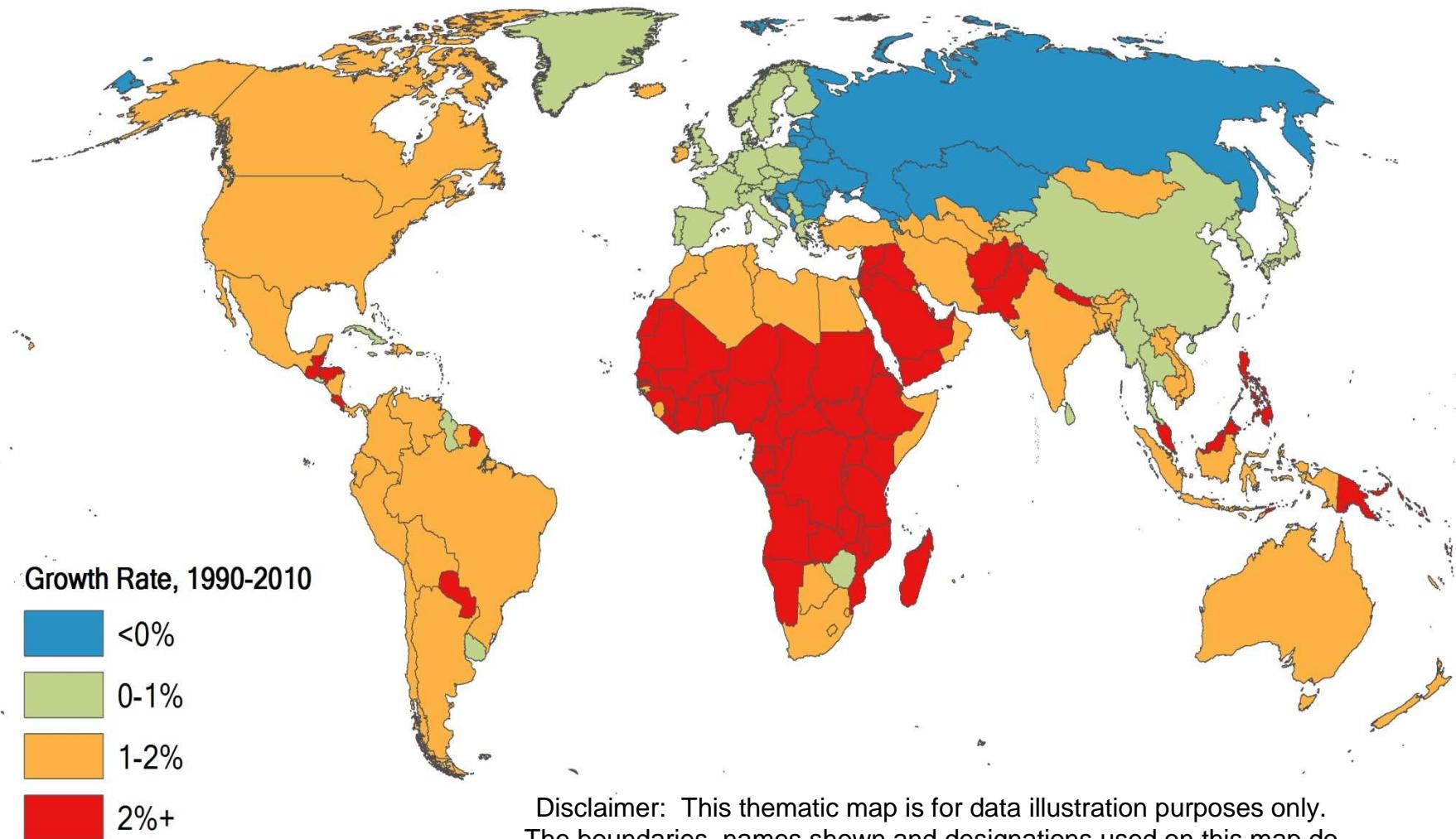
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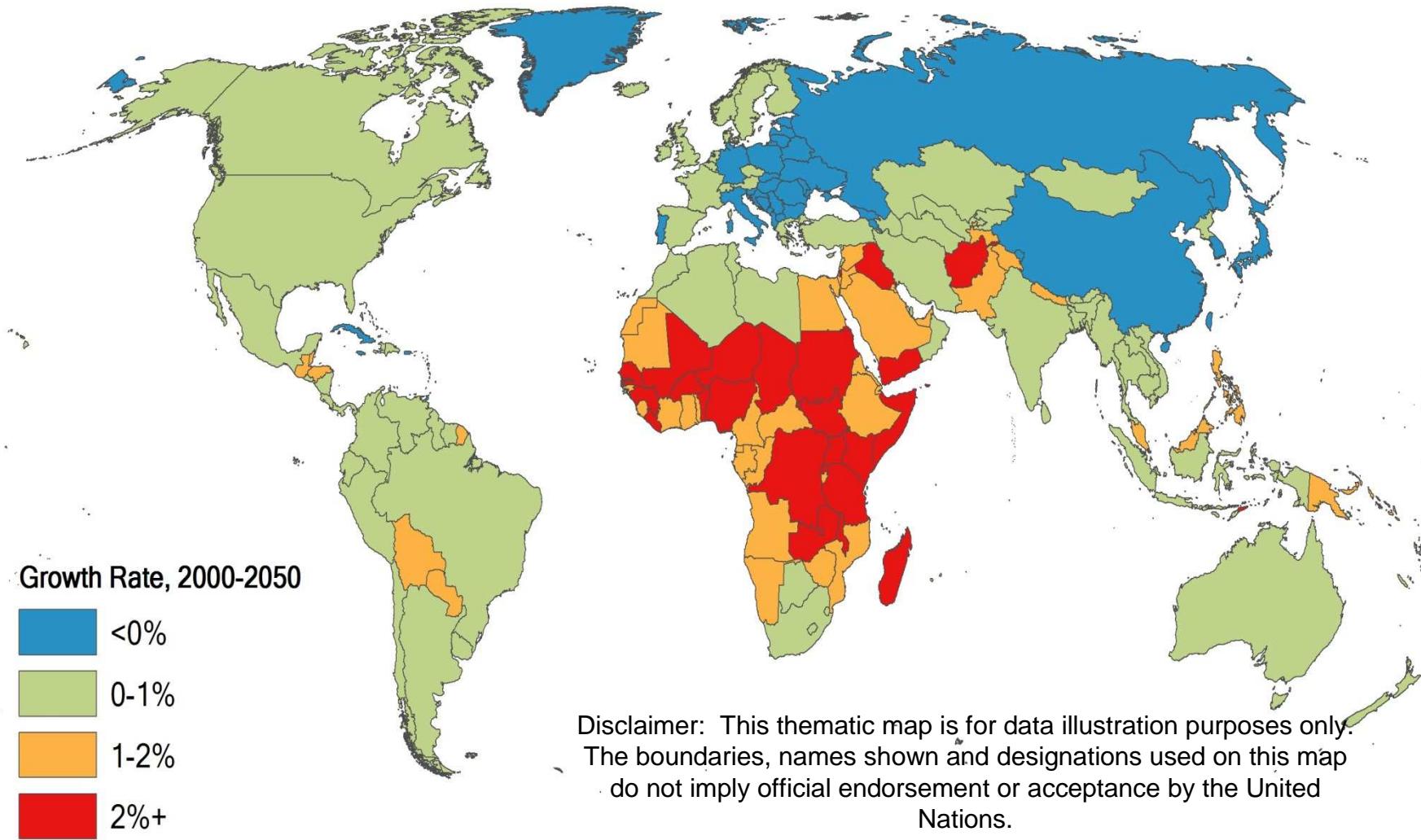
Annual Population Growth Rate, 1990-2010



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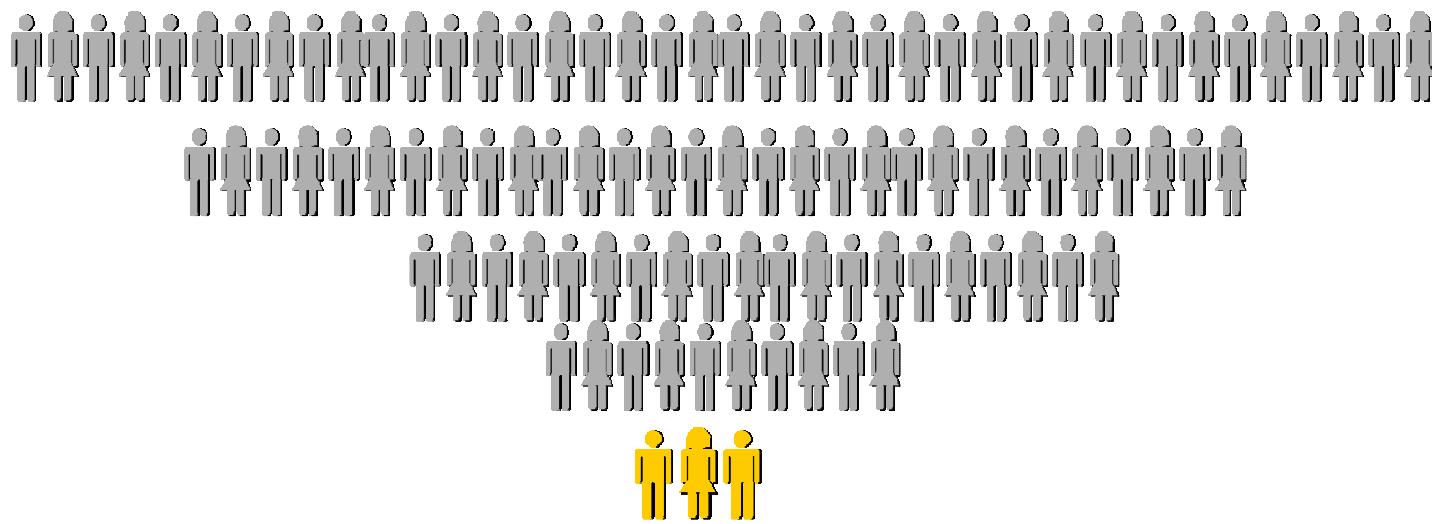
Annual Population Growth Rate, 2010-2050 (medium variant)





International Migration

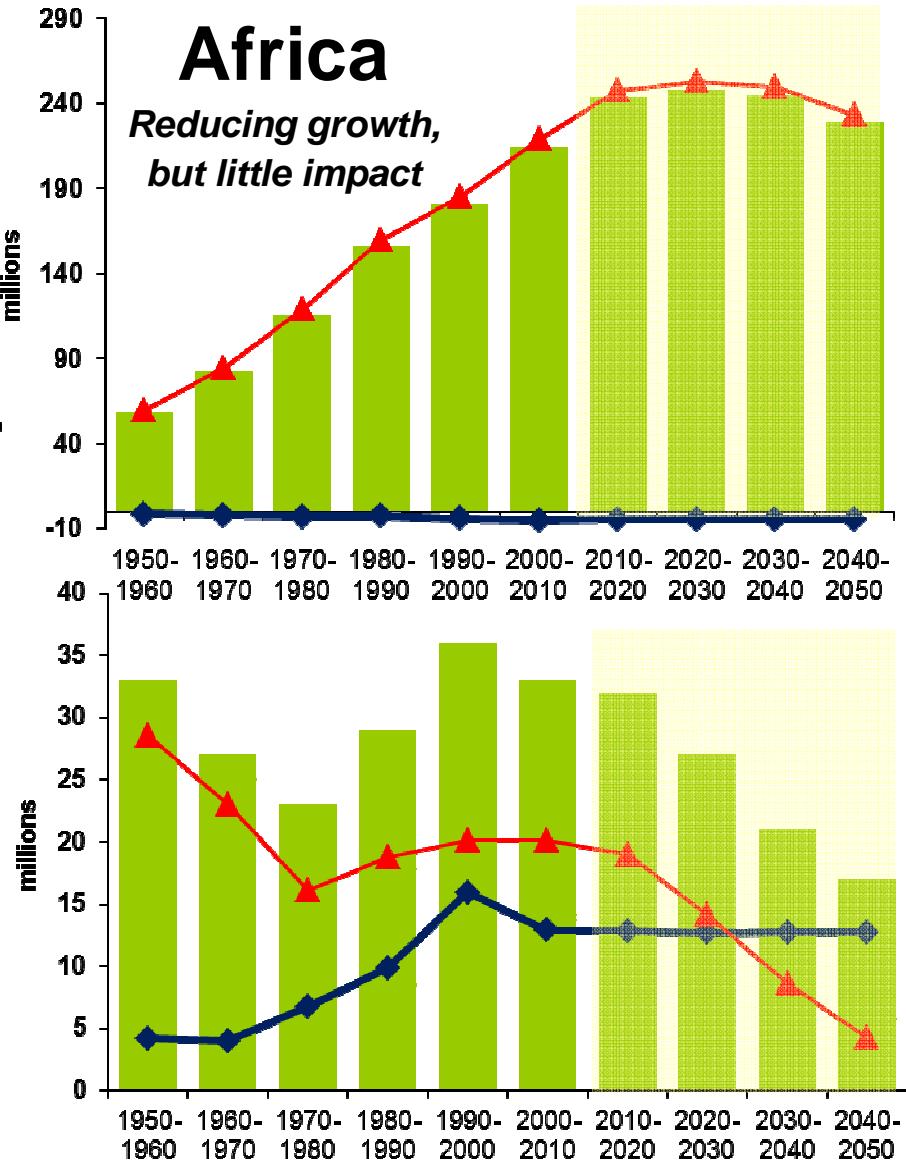
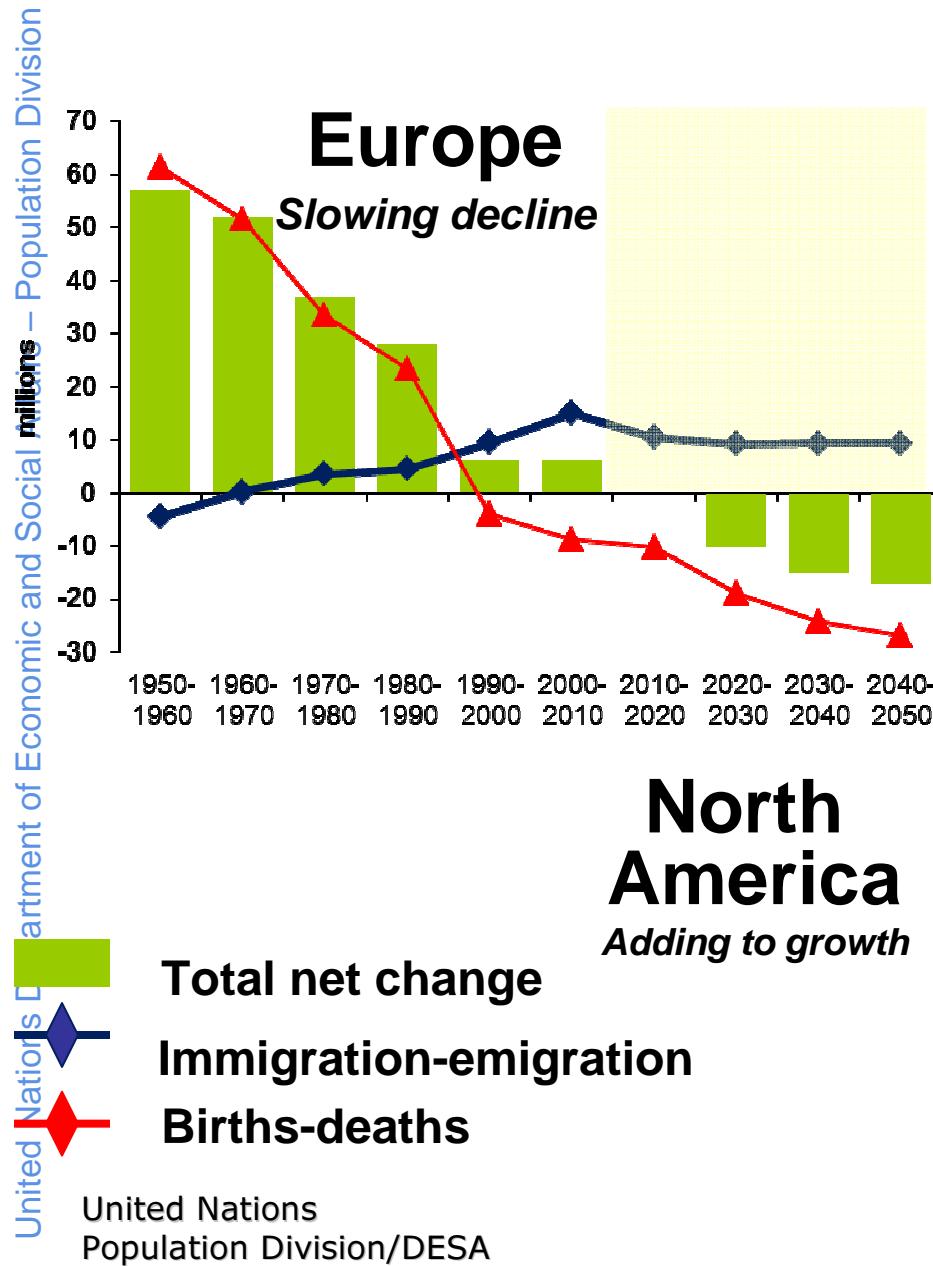
Of the 6.9 billion people
in the world in 2010



**... 214 million or 3.1 per cent were
international migrants**



Differential impact of international migration





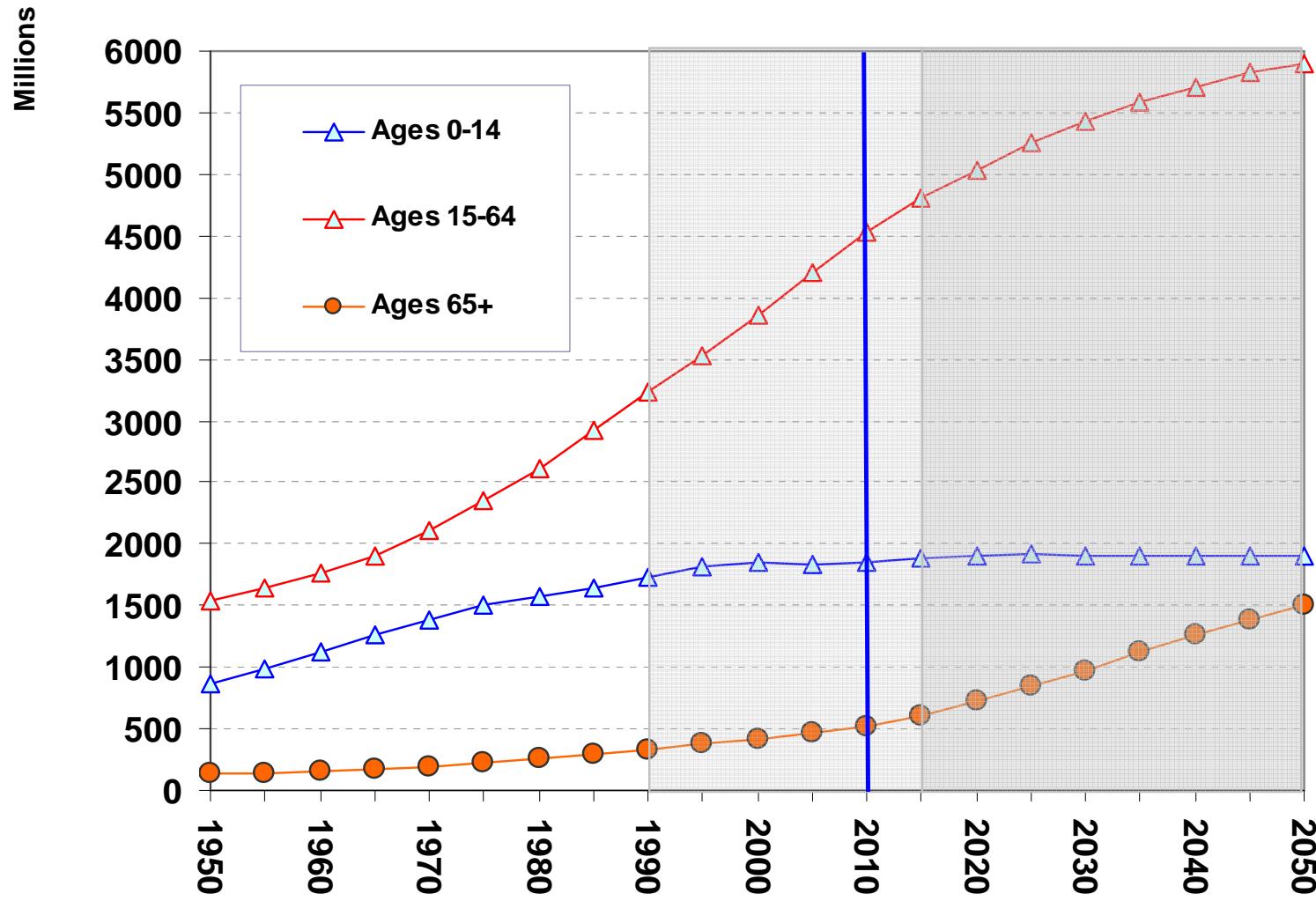
Relative Cohort Size





Total Population by Age Groups, 1950-2050

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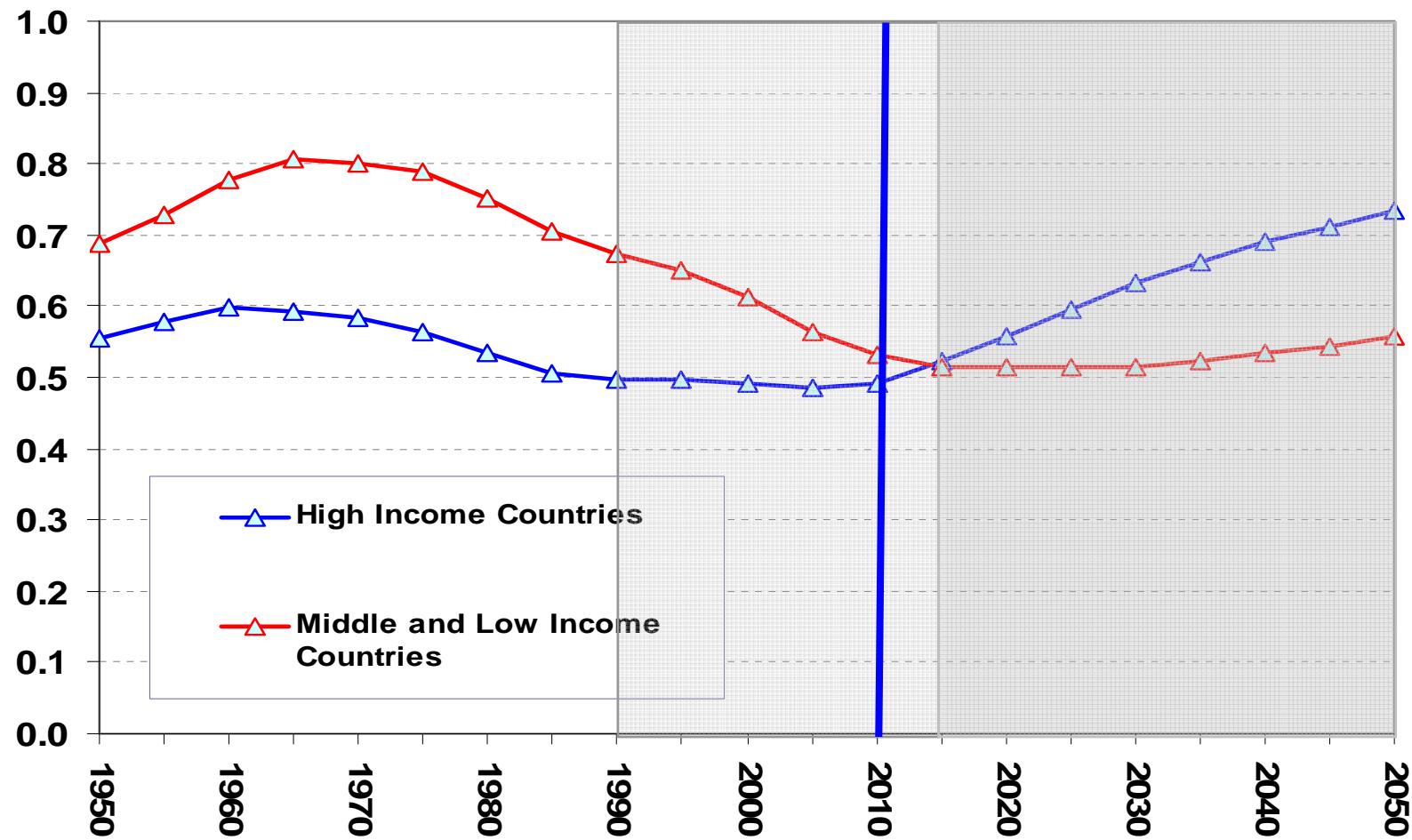


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Changes in Relative Cohort Size Creates a Window of Opportunity (“Demographic Bonus”)

Dependency Ratio = Young + Old
Working Ages



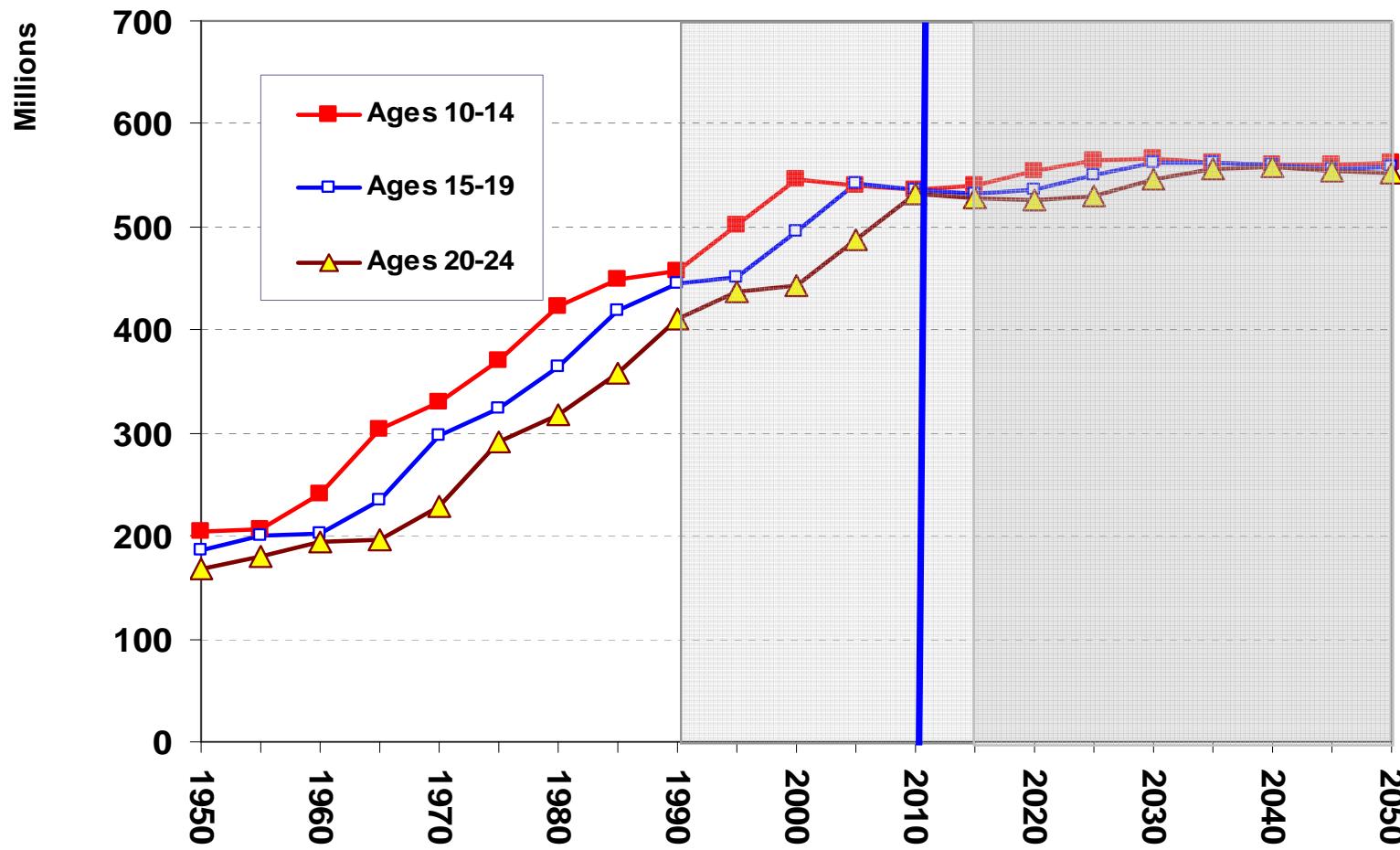


Adolescents



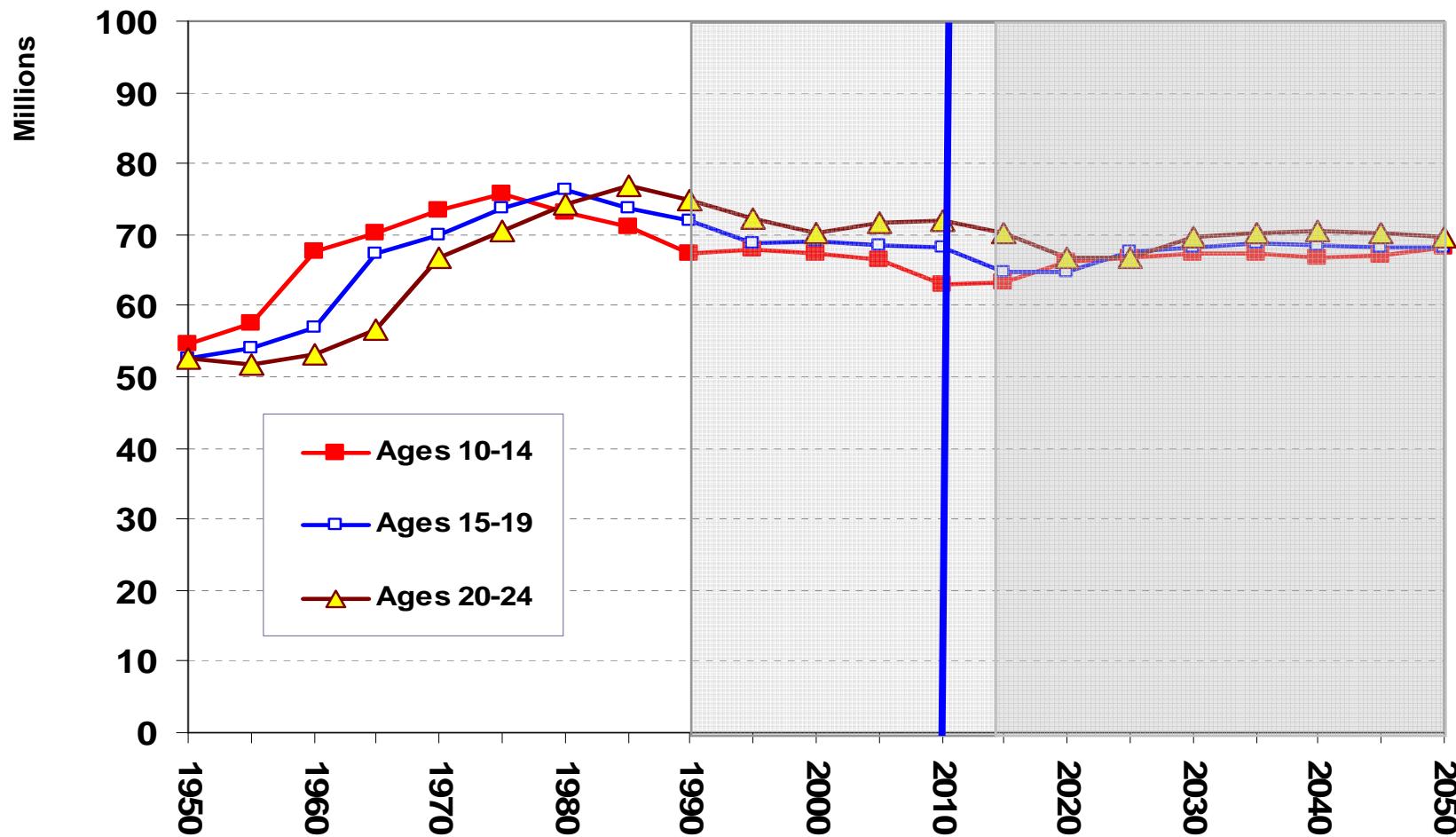


MDG Years Have Seen Large Increases in Young People in Middle and Low-Income Countries. Not so for 2015-2050





Similarly, in High-Income Countries (taken collectively), the size of Youth Cohorts has been falling. Now Will Be More Level





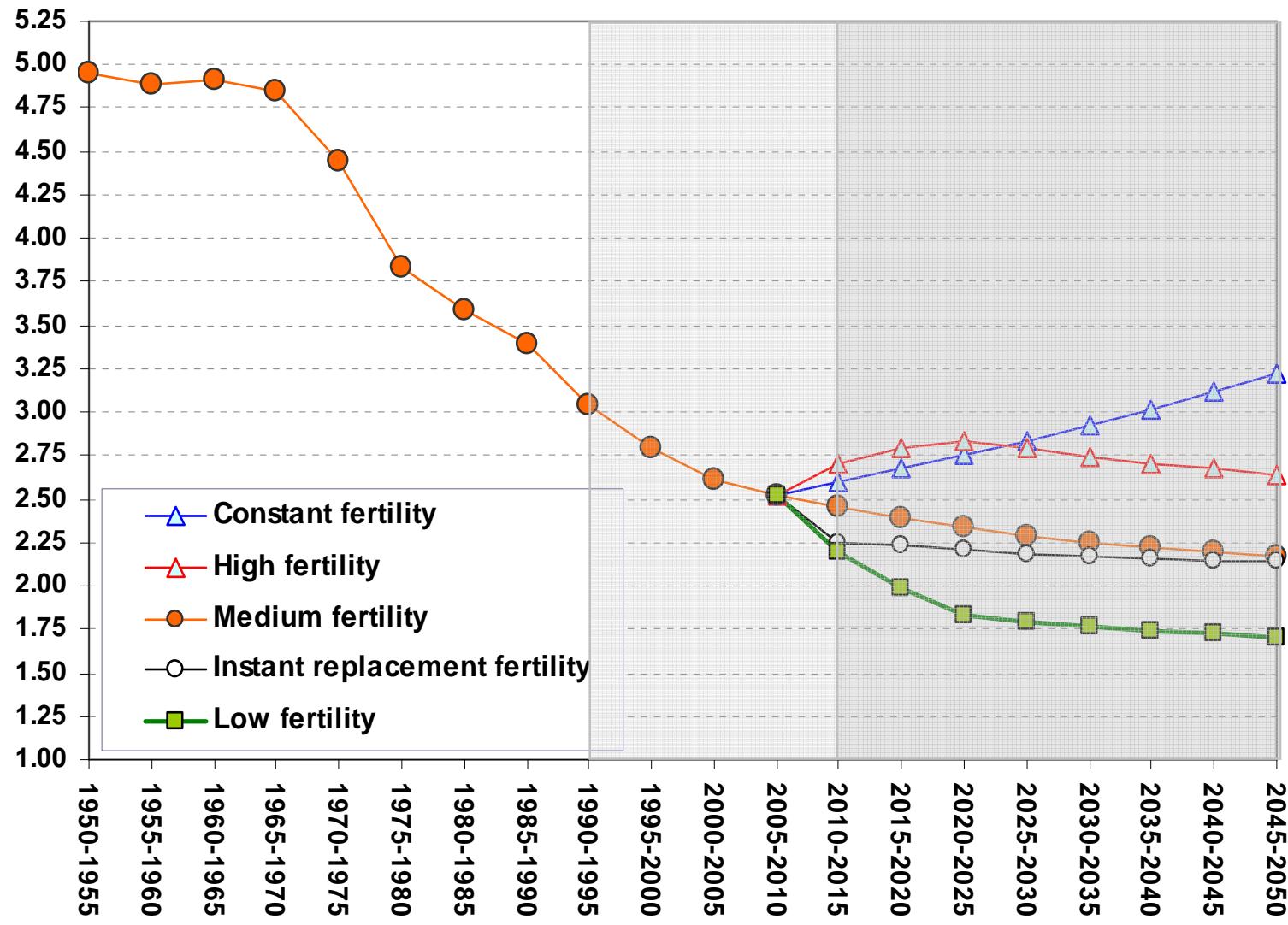
Population Ageing





World: Total Fertility, 1950-2100

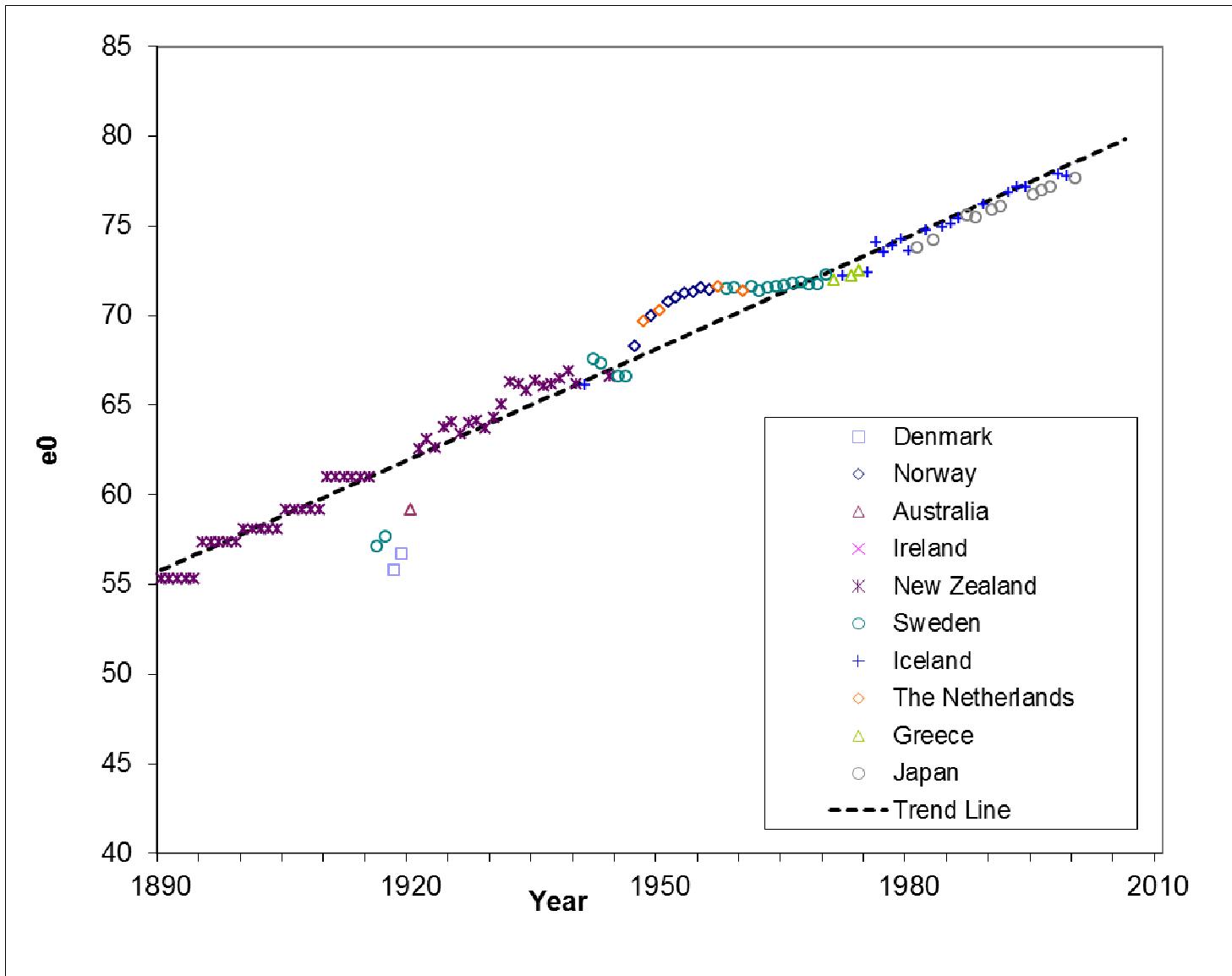
Children per woman





Trend in Highest Achieved Life Expectancy at Birth on Record

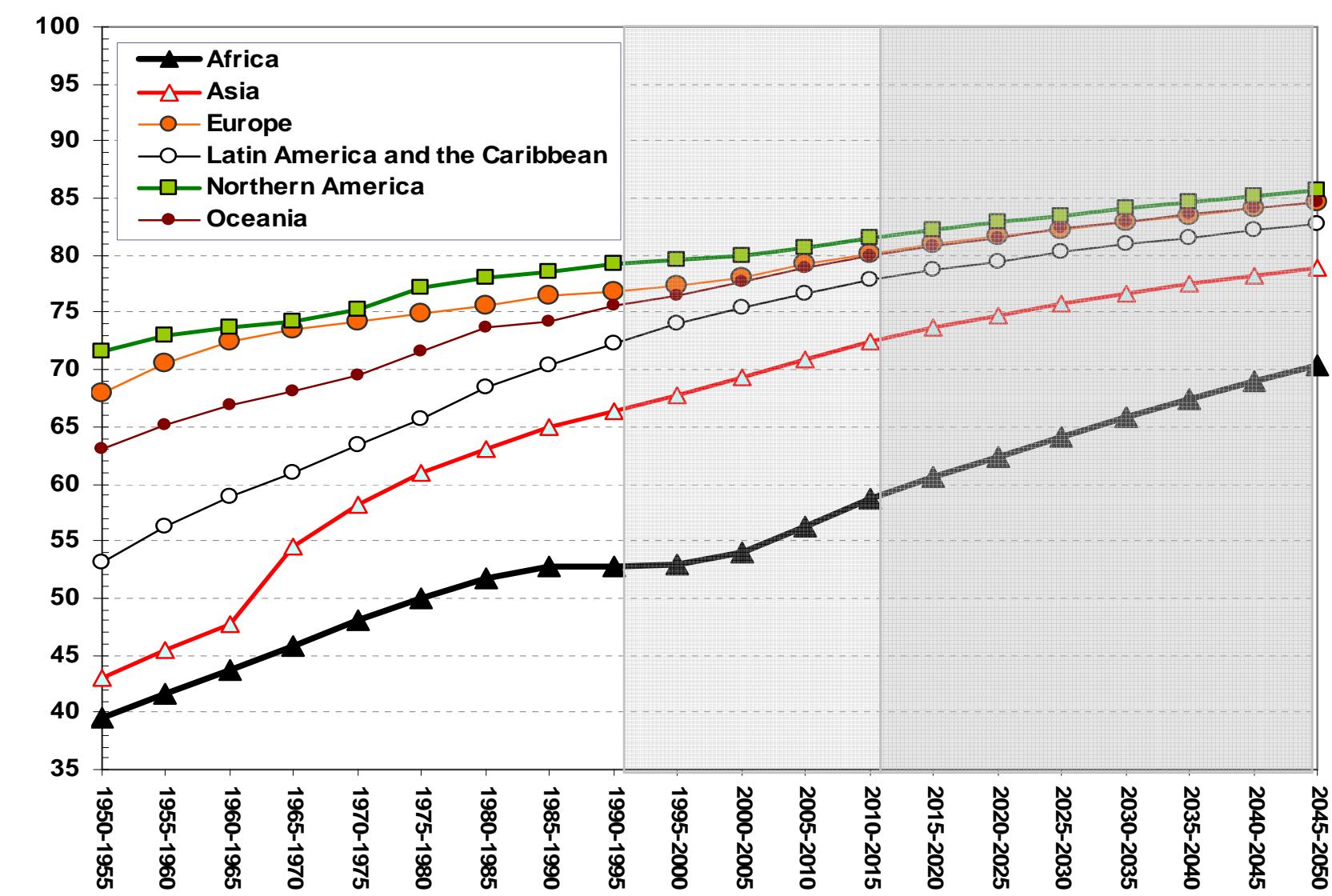
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Female Life Expectancy at Birth, 1950-2050

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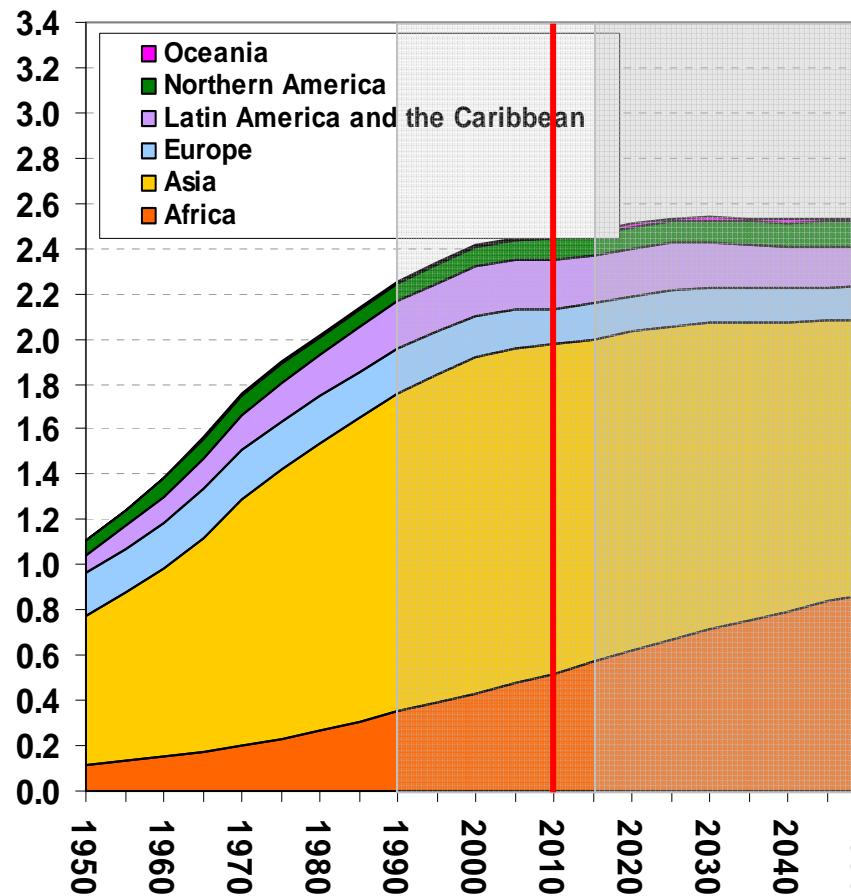
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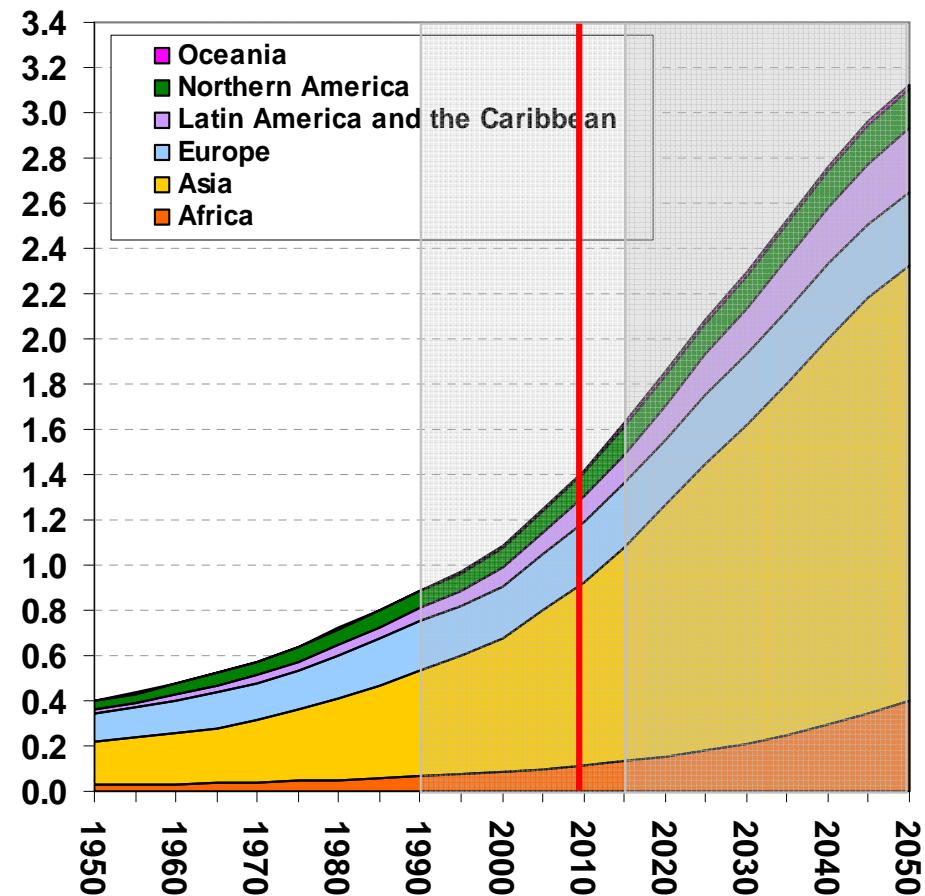
Population Age 0-19 and 50+ Years

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Age 0-19



Age 50+



50+ population will increase from 1.4 to 3.1 billion



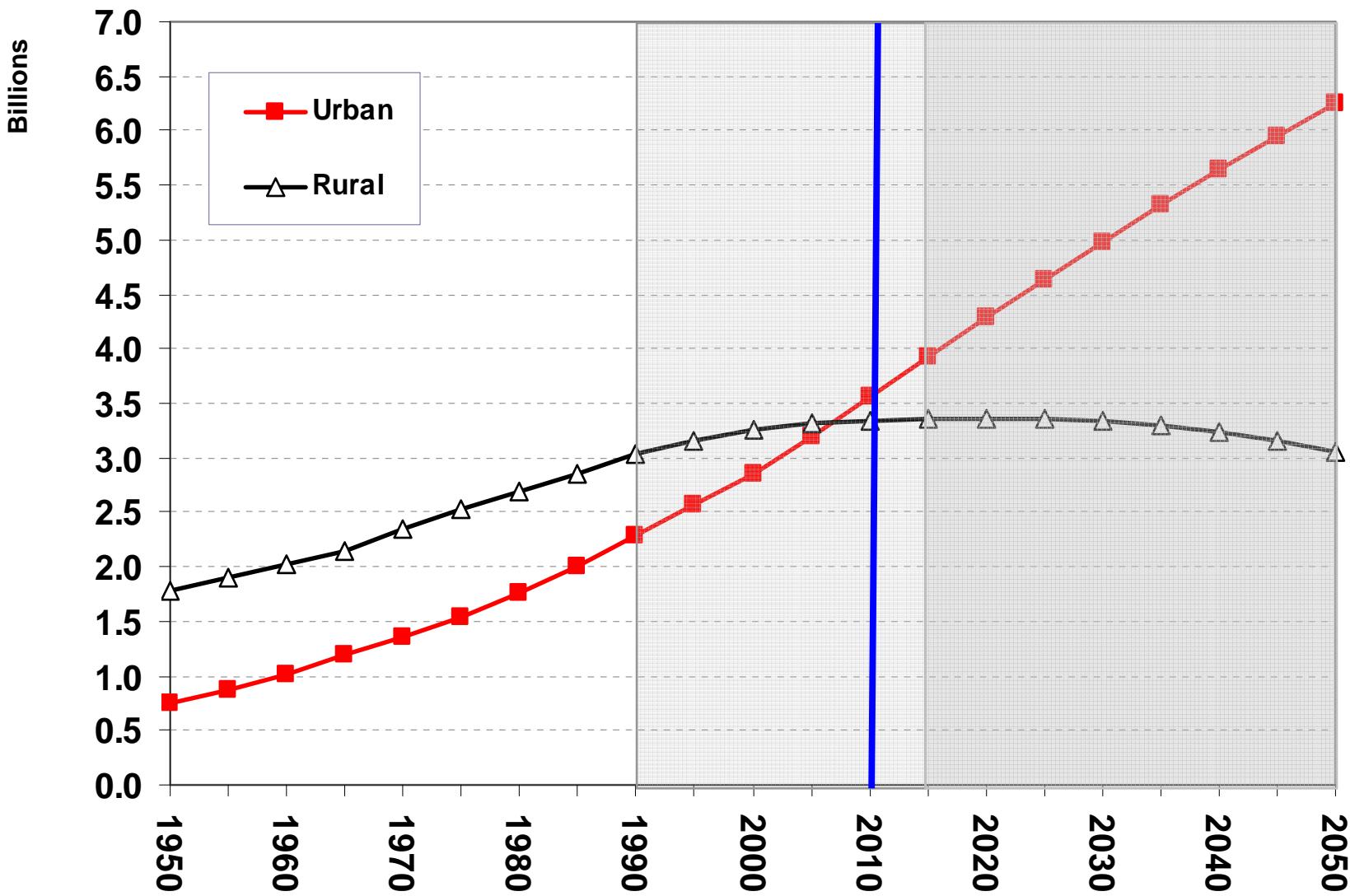
The Challenge of Rapid Urbanization





Future World Population Growth Will Be Mainly in Urban Areas

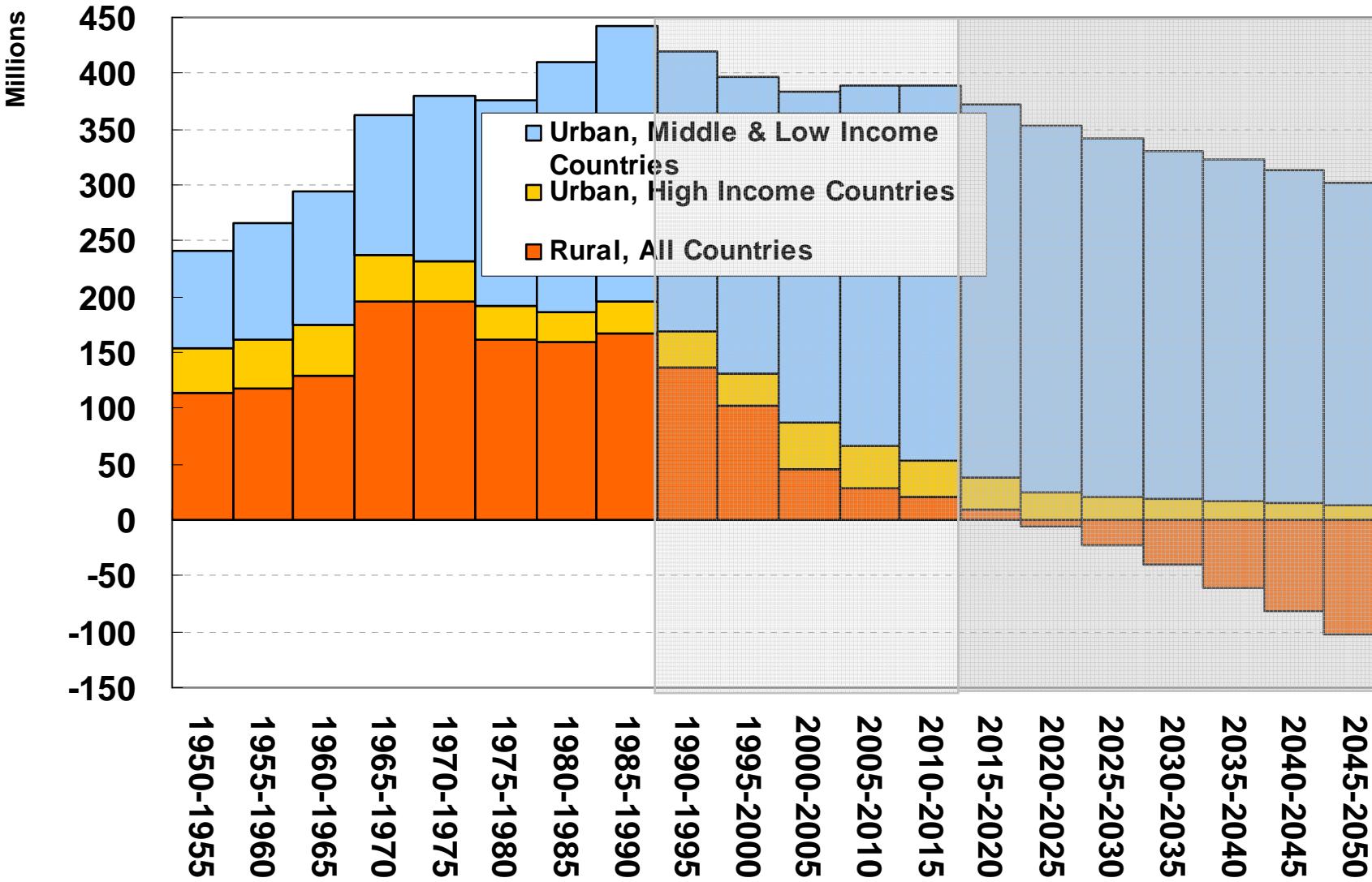
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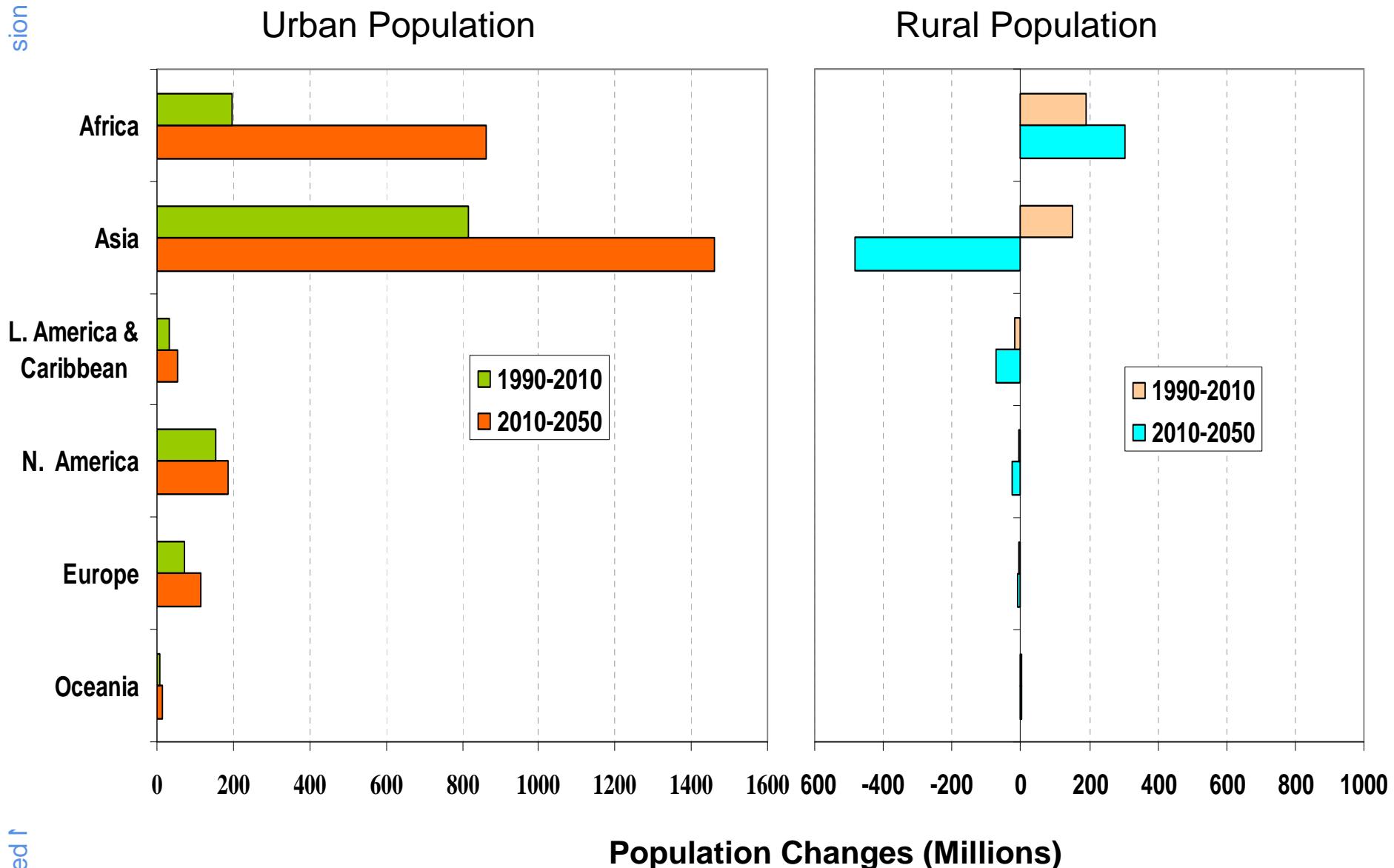
Almost All Growth Will Take Place in Middle and Low Income Countries





Urban and Rural Population Change: 1990-2010, 2010-2050

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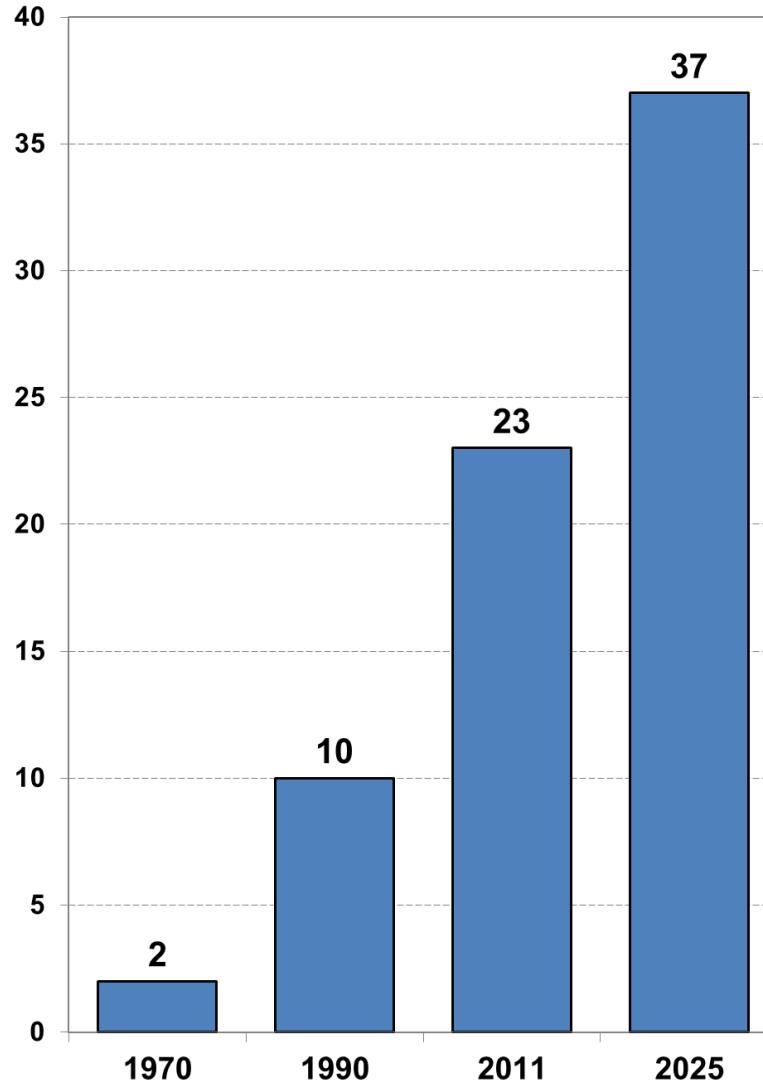
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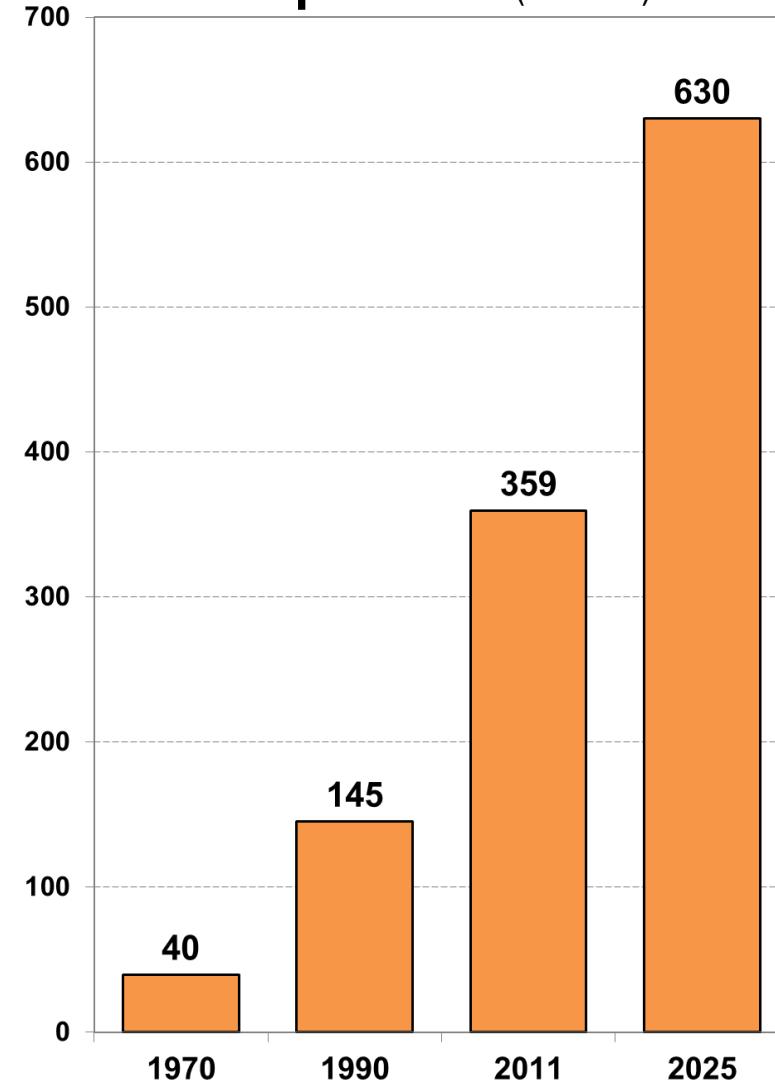
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Number



Population (millions)



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Conclusions

- Population dynamics – including changes in population growth rates, age structures, and distributions of people are closely linked to development challenges
- Significant trends include high (and low) population growth, international migration, relative cohort effects (youth bulges in some places, rapid ageing), & urbanization.
- Population consultation now underway to understand the importance of these (and other) significant demographic trends within the post-2015 development agenda.



Thank you !



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