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Biographies of experts and moderator

	<p>Mayra Liseth Sorto Gutierrez is Minister Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of El Salvador to the United Nations with responsibilities for the Third Committee (Humanitarian and Cultural Affairs). She follows issues related to human rights and social affairs especially with relations to women, children, youth, older persons, migrants, indigenous peoples and other population groups. She has also negotiated resolutions in processes including the Global Compact on Migration and the agreed conclusions of the Commission on the Status of Women. Previously Ms. Sorto worked at the Directorate of Multilateral Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and served as Professor of International Relations at the University of El Salvador and Professor of International Negotiation and Mediation at the Francisco Gavidia University.</p>
	<p>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. Over her career in the Division, she has worked on population estimates and projections, mortality analysis, and international migration. 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.</p>
	<p>Sandile Simelane is a Technical Specialist in the Population and Development Branch at UNFPA. Prior to joining the United Nations, he worked for Statistics South Africa for several years. He has also worked for the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) where he was Development Information Analyst and the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) where he was Senior Lecturer in the Graduate Program in Population Studies at the School of Development Studies. He holds a Ph.D. in Demography from the University of Pennsylvania (2007).</p>



	<p>Michael Herrmann is Senior Adviser with UNFPA and previously held various positions in UNCTAD. He has over 20 years of experience in the fields of economics, demography and sustainable development with a focus on the science-policy interface in the UN. In his roles, he translates analysis into value propositions and strategic messages; shapes policy agendas and technical assistance activities; supports regional and country programmes; manages collaborations across institutional and geographic spaces; and cultivate partnerships with diverse stakeholders. He is a Member of the Global Expert Network of the World Economic Forum (WEF); author and co-author of more than ten flagship reports of the United Nations (UN) on the world economy and the poorest countries; and editor and lead author of "Consequential Omissions: How Demography Shapes Development"—a book on the ways in which unfolding demographic changes are determining progress towards development goals.</p>
	<p>Lorenzo Giovanni Bellù is Senior Economist and Lead of Policy Intelligence and Global Perspectives at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Lorenzo has a PHD in Economic Policy and brings more than 20 years of experience at FAO. His key areas of expertise include global and country level long-term development processes and related implications for food and agriculture; socio-economic and environmental impact assessment of policies; policy impact analysis by means of Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) and other quantitative analysis tools. He is lead author of the recent FAO corporate reports such as 'The future of food and agriculture—Alternative pathways to 2050' and 'The future of food and agriculture—Trends and challenges'.</p>
	<p>Carmen Burbano de Lara is the Director of School-based Programmes at the World Food Programme (WFP). She is specialized in supporting governments to strengthen their national social protection and safety net policies and programmes and to tackle malnutrition and food insecurity. She has held management positions in Peru, Rome, Colombia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi and Tanzania; and provided temporary support to earthquake relief efforts in Haiti and Nepal. Ms. Burbano is WFP's world expert in school feeding and a member of the Technical Committee for School Feeding of the Partnership for Child Development at the Imperial College in London. She is the co-author of the most influential publications on school feeding over the last ten years. She has also authored WFP's flagship publications. Prior to assuming her current position in July 2018, she was WFP's Representative and Country Director in Peru. She has also worked in UNDP's Executive Office. Carmen is Ecuadorian and holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University.</p>