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Biographies of experts

	<p>Dr. Anastasia Gage is a Professor in the Department of International Health and Sustainable Development, School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, Tulane University. She holds a Ph.D. in Demography from the University of Pennsylvania. Her research focuses on adolescent health, reproductive and maternal health, child marriage, and gender-based violence. She serves on the United Nations High-Level Advisory Board on Economic and Social Affairs since 2018 and on the Scientific Advisory Council of Institut National d'Études Démographiques, Paris, since 2018.</p> <p>She previously served as President of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (2014-2017) and a member of the Board of Directors of the African Population and Health Research Center in Nairobi (2000-2006).</p>
	<p>Juan Alfaro López is a lawyer specializing in Labor Law and Social Security. He serves as Chairman of the "Instituto Nacional de Aprendizaje" (by its initials "INA"), an institution that offers training and vocational services to people in Costa Rica, promoting the productivity and competitiveness of companies in the labor and entrepreneur market. He is prioritizing the specific needs of companies and all individuals in the country by engaging Costa Rican institutions to provide updated and relevant education and training that are fully aligned with the demands of the labor market. Mr. Alfaro began his career in the Costa Rican public sector 10 years ago as a legal advisor to the Ministry of Labor and Social Security. Subsequently, he held different positions, such as National Director of Pensions, Vice Minister of Labor, Vice Minister of the Presidency of the Republic, and Vice Minister of Treasury.</p>



John Santelli, MD, MPH is a Professor of Population and Family Health and Pediatrics at Columbia University. Dr. Santelli has conducted policy-related research on adolescent health including HIV/STD risk behaviors, teen fertility, socioeconomic determinants, prevention programs, and research ethics. Dr. Santelli has served as a senior consultant for the Guttmacher Institute, a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Adolescent Health, a member of the 2016 Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health and Wellbeing, and past President of the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine. He was the principal investigator on several NIH-funded projects on HIV risk among youth, social determinants of health, sexual and reproductive health, and research bioethics with the Rakai Health Sciences Program in southern Uganda. Prior to joining Columbia University in 2004, he worked for nearly 20 years in local and national public health at the Baltimore City Health Department and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



Christina Williams is the Youth Ambassador, Spokesperson, and Policy & Advocacy Specialist to the Commonwealth Youth Council. Her work involves bringing together young people from all over the Commonwealth to promote and advance the youth development agenda and the coordination of youth activities and policies. Currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in international relations, law, public policy management and social policy development at the University of the West Indies at Mona in Jamaica, Christina serves as the Guild President of the university. She is actively involved in several education policy committees and task forces that cover various domains, including higher education, character education, students' access to healthcare, and safe schools' policies. Christina is also a Youth Advocate at the Jamaica Union of Tertiary Students since 2017. She has previously served as the Minister of Health of the National Youth Parliament of Jamaica (2016-2018) and worked as a Youth Program Coordinator for the Jamaica Youth Advocacy Network (2015 - 2018).



Ayman Zohry is an expert on population and migration studies based in Cairo, Egypt. He is a member of the editorial board of the International Migration Review and the founding president of the Egyptian Society for Migration Studies. Professor Zohry is also an Adjunct Professor at the American University in Cairo and Cairo University. His research interests include internal migration and urbanization, labor migration, irregular migration, migration governance, and migration policies in the Middle East and North Africa, and Europe. He previously served as the chair of the Scientific Panel on Migration for the Union for African Population Studies, as the chair of the first Scientific Panel on International Migration for the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (2011-2014), and as a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies (2005 – 2013).