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Jorge Bravo is Chief of the Population Policies and Development Branch of the Population Division, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), New York. Previously, he was chief of the Population and Development Section from 2007 to 2015, and before that he worked for 17 years at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), were he served as Expert and Regional Advisor, undertaking policy-oriented research and led several regional cooperation projects, working with national governments, the Inter-American Development Bank, the World Bank and other international organizations. His areas of expertise include global demographic trends and development, urbanization, the socio-economic aspects of ageing and intergenerational transfers, as well as published research on socio-economic factors of mortality, demographic responses to economic change, social security systems and the fiscal implications of ageing. In his current position, he oversees the work of the Population Division on international migration, fertility, population ageing, population policies, and reporting on the Sustainable Development Goals. Jorge has a Ph.D. in Demography from the University of California, Berkeley.



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