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EXPERT PANEL ON THE PROGRAMME OF WORK IN POPULATION,
FOLLOWED BY INTERACTIVE DEBATE

Biographies of experts and moderator



HE Dan is Director-General and research fellow at China Population and Development Research Center (CPDRC), Member of the 13th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Editor-in-chief of *China Population and Development Studies* (English journal), Executive Director of the Chinese Population Association, and Executive Director of China Family Planning Association. She takes part in the drafting of national population development strategies and population policies, and leads the national fertility surveys and annual population monitoring surveys.



Margaret Edison is Director, Department of Population Management and Development at the National Population Commission, Nigeria. She coordinates the formulation and implementation of the National Policy on Population for Sustainable Development (NPP), including the implementation of the demographic dividend agenda. She is the lead person on the follow-up actions of the Nairobi Summit on ICPD+25 and chairperson of the National Population Councils of the Regional Collaboration Platform, which guides the countries in Africa in sharing lessons and best practices on data generation and use for improved programming for population and development. Her current professional interests include the reduction of fertility, maternal mortality and harnessing the demographic dividend in Nigeria.



Elke Loichinger is a researcher at the Federal Institute for Population Research in Germany where she is heading the research group “Global and Regional Population Dynamics”. Her current research covers global demographic trends with a focus on population dynamics in Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa, various aspects of population ageing in Germany and beyond, and sub-national population projections. She previously held positions at the College of Population Studies at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, the Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital in Vienna, Austria, and the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research in Rostock, Germany. She has also been a consultant for several international organizations. Elke holds graduate degrees in geography and public policy and a PhD in social and economic sciences.



Eduardo Rios-Neto is President, Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE), where he previously served as Director of Research. He is currently overseeing the planning and implementation of the population census in Brazil as well as addressing IBGE's concerns which include population ageing, below-replacement fertility and socioeconomic disparities aggravated by the Covid-19 pandemic.

He is a member of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences (ABC) and the International Advisory Board of IPUMS. He has previously served as professor at the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG) and at the University of Texas at Austin. He was chair of the Brazilian Association of Population Studies (ABEP) and the National Commission on Population and Development (CNPD), among other assignments.



John Wilmoth has been Director of the United Nations Population Division, within the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, since 2013. He worked previously for the Population Division as Chief of the Mortality Section from 2005 to 2007. He began his career in 1990 by teaching and conducting research at the University of California, Berkeley. Wilmoth was Professor at UC Berkeley through 2014 and is now Professor Emeritus in Berkeley's Department of Demography. He is the author or co-author of more than 50 scientific papers on various aspects of population dynamics. From 2009 to 2012, he was engaged as a consultant by the World Health Organization and the World Bank to lead the development of new maternal mortality estimates for the global monitoring of the Millennium Development Goals. He has also served on several expert panels convened by the U.S. Government or National Academy of Sciences.