



Multi-stakeholder panel

The contribution of key population and development issues to building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Tuesday, 26 April 2022, 10:00-12:00 noon EDT

Concept Note
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Introduction

This multi-stakeholder panel will examine the contribution of key population and development issues to the 2022 session of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), which will focus on building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In particular, the panel will consider how the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) can contribute to pandemic recovery and to advancing the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular SDG 4 and 5, which will be among the SDGs being reviewed by the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) during 2022.

Objectives

The key objectives of the multi-stakeholder panel will be:

- To discuss the contribution of the Commission on Population and Development to the review of SDGs 4 (education) and 5 (gender equality) during the 2022 HLPF;
- To assess how issues and challenges related to population and development can be better integrated in National Voluntary Reviews, and
- To explore how ECOSOC functional commissions can work more closely together.

Format

In the opening remarks, the moderator will highlight the objectives of the panel. The moderator will then invite the panelists to address guiding questions. Reading from prepared statements is discouraged. There will be no Powerpoint presentations. Following these interventions, Member States, observers and civil society are encouraged to ask questions or raise issues in response to the interventions made. Following questions and comments from the audience, the panelists and the moderator will make brief closing remarks.



Indicative questions for panelists

The following are indicative questions which will be addressed by the panelists:

- What key considerations should the 2022 High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) take into account when assessing the status of implementation of SDG 4 (education) and SDG5 (gender equality) from a population and development perspective? In turn, how can the 2022 HLPF promote the implementation of SDG4 and 5, which are critical to achieving the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development?
- What has been the experience in including population and development considerations in Voluntary National Reviews? What are some good practices and lessons learnt in integrating population and development dimensions in Voluntary National Reviews?
- What has been the impact of COVID-19 on the achievement of SDG 4 and 5, on the digital divide, and on the quality and availability of disaggregated population data? What are the needs for international cooperation and capacity building on demographic data? How can the international community help to bridge the digital divide?
- How can we promote more sustainable patterns of production and consumption at the local, national, regional and global levels?

Outcome

The panel seeks to inform the Commission on ways to support the implementation of General Assembly resolution 75/290A and, in particular, to explore how the work of the Commission may contribute to the 2022 High-Level Political Forum on sustainable development.^a

^a The General Assembly, in June 2021, adopted resolution 75/290A to strengthen the work of the Economic and Social Council to effectively carry out its Charter mandates and contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the outcomes of other UN conferences and summits as well as to the response to COVID19. In particular, the resolution tasked ECOSOC to provide guidance to subsidiary bodies, ensuring a clear division of labour, aligning their work with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and promoting their implementation of the ministerial declaration, adopted by ECOSOC in the previous year.

