



Multi-stakeholder panel

**The contribution of key population and development issues to accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels**

Tuesday, 11 April 2023, 10:00-11:30 a.m. EDT

**Concept Note**

**Introduction**

This multi-stakeholder panel will examine the contribution of key population and development issues to the 2023 session of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), which will focus on efforts to accelerate the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels.

In particular, the panel will consider how the implementation of the [Programme of Action](#) of the 1994 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 SDGs 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17, which are the SDGs being reviewed by the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) during 2023.

**Objectives**

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

- To discuss how the implementation of the 1994 ICPD Programme of Action and the work of the Commission on Population and Development may contribute to the achievement of the SDGs, in particular SDG 6 (water and sanitation), 7 (energy), 9 (infrastructure), 11 (cities and human settlements) and 17 (means of implementation)
- To identify concrete steps to follow up on actions from the 2022 Transforming Education Summit and to make practical recommendations on how those actions can inform the 2023 SDG Summit, especially in areas such as of human capital investment, impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, school enrolment and completion, curriculum development, lifelong learning, gender equity and digital transformation;
- To suggest concrete ways to include issues and challenges related to population and sustainable development in National Voluntary Reviews, and
- To explore how ECOSOC functional commissions can work more closely together and contribute to each other's work.



## 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. 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. Reading from prepared statements is discouraged. 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 2023 High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) take into account when assessing the status of implementation of the SDGs, in particular SDGs 6 (water and sanitation), 7 (energy), 9 (infrastructure), 11 (cities and human settlements) and 17 (means of implementation) from a population and development perspective?
- What are the key findings and recommendations of the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on Population and Development, especially in regard to the role and contribution of education and life-long learning to sustainable development, that may be promoted in the context of the 2023 HPLF?
- 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 human capital investment, school enrolment and completion, curriculum development, lifelong learning, gender equity and digital transformation?
- What steps can the Commission on Population and Development to promote the implementation of the ministerial declaration adopted by ECOSOC in 2022?<sup>a</sup>

## 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 2023 High-Level Political Forum on sustainable development.<sup>b</sup>

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<sup>a</sup> [E/HLS/2022/1](#)

<sup>b</sup> 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 COVID-19. 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.

