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Multi-stakeholder panel on assessing the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and its contribution to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development during the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development

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Introduction and objectives

During its fifty-seventh session, the Commission on Population and Development will consider the special theme of “Assessing the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and its contribution to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development during the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development”. This multi-stakeholder panel will inform the deliberations under item 3 of the provisional agenda (General debate).

Panel members will include experts from government, academia and civil society. Panellists will bring their perspectives on both the achievements and the unfulfilled promises of the ICPD Programme of Action, considering the interlinkages between population dynamics, universal health coverage, including for sexual and reproductive health, the exercise of individual rights, including reproductive rights, the eradication of poverty and hunger, the advancement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, the achievement of sustained economic growth and the protection of the environment. Interventions should feature best practices and lessons learned and be action-oriented, focusing on recommendations for high-impact policies, programmes and interventions to achieve sustainable progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action and maximize its contribution to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In addition, the panel will inform the Commission’s contribution to the 2024 High-level Political Forum (HLPF) under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, which will have the theme



"Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions". The SDGs to be reviewed in-depth at this year's HLPF are the following:

- Goal 1 - End poverty in all its forms everywhere;
- Goal 2 - End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture;
- Goal 13 - Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts;
- Goal 16 - Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels; and
- Goal 17 - Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

Format

Following opening remarks by the moderator, panellists will be invited to address, selectively, the guiding questions (see below). Members of the Commission, observers and civil society organizations are encouraged to ask questions or raise issues in reaction to the preceding discussion. Reading from prepared statements is discouraged. Panellists will briefly respond to the questions and issues raised by delegations, after which the moderator will make brief closing remarks.

Indicative questions for panellists

The following are indicative questions to be addressed by the panellists:

- Which demographic trends are the most salient to development planning in your country, region or area of expertise?
- From your perspective, what are the key aspects of the ICPD Programme of Action for which progress must be accelerated?
- How can we best achieve a reduction of inequalities and ensure that no one is left behind in implementing the Programme of Action?
- How can the accelerated implementation of the Programme of Action contribute to the achievement of SDGs 1, 2, 13, 16 and 17?
- What are the main gaps in data and knowledge that need to be addressed to ensure that population and development policies and interventions are based on sound evidence?
- How can the ICPD Programme of Action be further elevated and integrated into the broader sustainable development framework to ensure a holistic and interconnected approach?

- In the face of global challenges such as climate change, food insecurity, conflicts and pandemics, how can the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action be adapted to address emerging issues and build resilience in the population?
- Which strategies have been successful in promoting gender equality and women's empowerment as outlined in the ICPD Programme of Action, and how can these be replicated in different cultural and national contexts?
- How can the effective implementation of the ICPD Program of Action be leveraged as a catalyst for advancing human rights within the broader framework of sustainable development?

Outcome

The discussion will be summarized in the report of the Commission on its fifty-seventh session, which will be submitted to the Economic and Social Council shortly after the closure of the session. It will also inform the Commission's contribution to the 2024 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.