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### Biographies of experts

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|    | <p><b>Mr. Juan Carlos Alfonso Fraga</b> is the Deputy Director of the National Office of Statistics and Information of Cuba. He is Secretary of the National Coordination Commission for the current Population and Housing Census of Cuba, having previously served as National Director of the 2002 and 2012 censuses. He has directed projects carried out by the Government of Cuba together with partners in the United Nations system, including UNFPA, UNICEF and PAHO/WHO. He is a current Vice-Chair of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and past Chair of the Special Committee on Population and Development of ECLAC and Vice-Chair of the CPD. He has authored more than 150 research articles on population and development issues, is an adjunct professor at the University of Havana, and serves on the editorial boards of several scientific journals, including ECLAC's <i>Notas de Población</i>. He holds degrees in Sociology from the University of Havana and the University of Concepción in Chile, as well as a master's degree in Population Studies from the University of Havana.</p>                               |
|  | <p><b>Mr. Charles Banda</b> is the Director of Population and Development at the Ministry of Finance and National Planning of Zambia. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Demography and Economics, as well as a Master of Arts degree in Population Studies. He worked in the Zambia Statistics Agency for seven years as the Head of the Population and Demography Branch and Census Manager for the 2000 Census of Population and Housing. He worked with the United Nations Population Fund for eight years as a Population Specialist and M&amp;E Officer. He was also a part-time Lecturer at the University of Zambia in the Department of Population Studies for eight years.</p>   |
|  | <p><b>Ms. Apoorva Jadhav</b> is the Senior Demographer in the Office of Population and Reproductive Health at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). She serves as the Agency's authoritative expert in the planning, monitoring, administration, and analyses of statistical surveys and studies in demography in USAID-assisted countries within and outside USAID's flagship population data platforms: The Demographic and Health Surveys Program (DHS) and the Interagency Agreement with the U.S. Census Bureau. Her work spans family planning and reproductive health measurement innovations, identifying the linkages between population dynamics and development, integration of climate and demographic data, and highlighting understudied aspects of sexual and reproductive health. Prior to joining USAID, she was a National Institute on Aging postdoctoral fellow at the University of Michigan where she worked on the Health and Retirement Study (HRS) and India's Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI). She holds a PhD in Demography from the University of Pennsylvania, an MPH from Emory University, and a BA from Johns Hopkins University.</p> |





**Ms. Gozel Nurmuradova** is the Head of the Population Department at the State Statistics Committee of Turkmenistan. She has served in the State Statistics Committee since 1996, including roles in the entrepreneurship and labour and wages branches. She led the technical processes of the 2022 Continuous Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan, having previously participated in the 2012 Population Census, the National Survey on the Health and Status of Women in the Family, and several other surveys. She received degrees in Economics and the Sociology of Labour from the Turkmen State Institute of Economics.