

EXPERT CONSULTATION SERIES ON POPULATION, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH IN THE CONTEXT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

(Virtual meetings) New York, October 2025

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PROGRAMME

The consultations will be organized in 4 virtual meetings over the course of 2 weeks. Sessions will consist of introductory presentations, expert presentations and open discussion.

 Tuesday 21 October, 8:00-10:00AM EDT Population data innovations: collection, analysis and use

Welcome remarks: John Wilmoth, Population Division/DESA

Introductory presentations: Cheryl Sawyer, Population Division/DESA

Sathya Doraiswamy, UNFPA

Expert presentations:

Moderator: Francesca Grum, Statistics Division/DESA

- Technological advancements in census or administrative data
 Federico Segui, Instituto Nacional de Estadística (INE) Uruguay
- Geospatial data for policy and planning Andy Tatem, Director, WorldPop
- Leveraging data science and machine learning for urban climate adaptation
 Sibusiso Mkwananzi, Commissioner, National Planning Commission, South Africa and Demographer and Senior Researcher, Wits RHI, University of the Witwatersrand
- 2. Thursday 23 October, 8:00-10:00AM EDT Technology and research in sexual and reproductive health

Welcome remarks: John Wilmoth, Population Division/DESA
Introductory presentations: Siqi Wu, Population Division/DESA
Willibald Zeck, UNFPA

Expert presentations:

Moderator: Danielle Engel, UNFPA

- Contraceptive technologies: Looking ahead to new approaches to increase options for family planning, Lisa Haddad, Population Council
- Infertility research and technology advances, Gitau Mburu, WHO



- Advances in the research on sexual and reproductive health and rights,
 Onikepe Owolabi, Guttmacher Institute
- 3. Tuesday 28 October: Ageing populations: technological advances for lengthening healthy, independent and active lifespans

Welcome remarks: John Wilmoth, Population Division/DESA

Introductory presentations: Yumiko Kamiya, Population Division/DESA

Michael Herrmann, UNFPA

Expert presentations:

Moderator: Sabine Henning, ESCAP

- Leveraging assistive technology and digital health for healthy ageing and universal inclusion
 Kylie Shae, WHO
- Independent living (ageing in place)
 Carla Taramasco, Universidad Andrés Bello, Chile
- Enhancing opportunities for continued employment Andrew Aitken, OECD
- 4. Thursday 30 October: Overcoming digital divides: ensuring inclusive and safe access to technologies

Welcome remarks: John Wilmoth, Population Division/DESA
Introductory presentations: Grace Puliyel/Stephen Kisambira, Population Division/DESA
Alexandra Robinson, UNFPA

Expert presentations:

Moderator: Jenny Arana, ITU

- Digital access/divides and impacts on inclusion, especially for women, youth, older persons, disadvantaged groups
 Alexandre Costa Barbosa, Digital policy consultant and researcher
- Technologies in education and employment Fengchun Miao, UNESCO
- Online safety and governance Ivana Bartoletti, Wipro

