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ASSESSING THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE ICPD PROGRAMME OF ACTION AND ITS
CONTRIBUTION TO THE FOLLOW-UP AND
REVIEW OF THE 2030 AGENDA

New York, 29 April – 3 May 2024

**BRIEFING BY THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT (HONDURAS) ON THE
SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS FOR THE FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION, INCLUDING ON THE
COMMEMORATION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

**12 December 2023, 1.15-2.30 pm
Conference room 7**

CONCEPT NOTE

Introduction

The fifty-seventh session¹ of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) will be held from 29 April to 3 May 2024. The special theme of the session is “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”.

The fifty-seventh session will also be an opportunity to mark the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), held in Cairo, Egypt in 1994. In 2022, the Economic and Social Council, in Decision [2022/332](#), invited the General Assembly to hold a commemorative event in years when the Commission on Population and Development conducts a comprehensive review of the ICPD Programme of Action.

Objective

The aim of the informal briefing is to give Member States the opportunity to share views on the substantive preparations for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission, including on the commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the Programme of Action of ICPD.

Background

The adoption of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), held in Cairo, Egypt in 1994, cemented a people-centred approach to population and development policies, grounded in the respect for human rights and a strong emphasis on environmental sustainability.

¹ For details, please refer to <https://www.un.org/development/desa/pd/events/CPD57>



Population Division

Subsequently, the Millennium Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development integrated many goals and objectives of the ICPD Programme of Action.

The General Assembly extended the ICPD Programme of Action beyond 2014 with a view to fully meeting its goals and objectives ([A/RES/65/234](#)). In 2019, at its twenty-fifth anniversary, the Secretary-General reported that while considerable progress had been made in implementing the Programme of Action since 1994, progress had been uneven both within and among countries, and that the benefits of social and economic progress had not been shared equitably.

In preparation for the fifty-seventh session of the CPD, the Population Division of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) convened an expert group meeting in New York from 19 to 20 July 2023.² The Population Division will also be publishing a report on “Thirty years after Cairo”, highlighting major global demographic trends since ICPD 1994 as well as population prospects which are critical for sustainable development in the next 30 years.

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) will mark the 30th anniversary of the ICPD Programme of Action by organizing a series of events at the global and regional level and by publishing a selection of short papers that highlight the importance of the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action and its relevance for the 2030 Agenda.

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Provisional programme

13.15 – 13.25 Welcome and introductory remarks

- *H.E. Noemi Espinoza Madrid (Honduras), Chair of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development*

13.25 – 13.45 Presentations

Key findings from the expert group meeting on “Assessing the status of implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action its contribution to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda”

- *Ms. Karoline Schmid, Population Division, UN/DESA*

Preparations for ICPD@30

- *Ms. Priscilla Idele, Technical Division, United Nations Population Fund*

Policy priorities for population and development looking forward to 2054

- *Ms. Barbara Seligman, Population Reference Bureau*

² For details, please refer to <https://www.un.org/development/desa/pd/events/EGM-CPD57>

13.45 – 14.25 Questions and answers

- *Mr. John Wilmoth, Director, Population Division, UN/DESA (moderator)*

14.25 – 14.30 Closing remarks

- *H.E. Noemí Espinoza Madrid (Honduras), Chair of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development*

Results

The briefing will inform the substantive preparation of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission.