

**UNITED NATIONS EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON POPULATION DISTRIBUTION,  
URBANIZATION, INTERNAL MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

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**ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

MONDAY, 21 JANUARY 2008

**9:00 –9:30**     **Registration**

*Morning session (9:30–13:00)*

**9:30–9:45**     **I. Opening session**

Opening statement (Hania Zlotnik, Director, Population Division, United Nations)

**9:45–11:00**     **II. Urbanization: a global perspective**

Gerhard Heilig (Population Division, United Nations). *New urbanization estimates and trends: the World Urbanization Prospects, Revision 2007*

Jorge Bravo (Population Division, United Nations). *An overview of urbanization, internal migration, population distribution and development in the world*

**11:00–11:30**     **Break**

**11:30–13:00**     **II. Urbanization: a global perspective (continued)**

George Martine (Núcleo de Estudos Urbanos/Universidade de Brasília, Brazil). *Preparing for sustainable urban growth in developing areas*

Axumite Gebre-Egziabher (UN-Habitat, New York). *Urban growth, slums and policy*

**13:00–14:30**     **Lunch break**

*Afternoon session (14:30–18:00)*

**14:30–16:00 III. Urban growth and internal migration: policy dimensions**

J. Vernon Henderson (Brown University, USA). *The effects of exclusionary housing policies on urban development: evidence from Brazil*

Aprodicio A. Laquian (University of British Columbia, Canada). *The planning and governance of Asia's mega-urban regions*

**16:00–16:30 Break**

**16:30–18:00 III. Urban growth and internal migration: policy dimensions (continued)**

Kam Wing Chan (University of Washington, USA). *Internal labour migration in China: trends, geographical distribution and policies*

Jorge Rodriguez (Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean/CELADE, Chile). *Spatial distribution of the population, internal migration and development in Latin America and the Caribbean*

TUESDAY, 22 JANUARY 2008

*Morning session (9:30–13:00)*

**9:30–11:00 IV. Rural and urban development: linkages and disparities**

Anthony Champion (Newcastle University, UK). *The changing nature of urban and rural areas in the UK and other European countries*

Roopa Purushothaman (Future Capital Research, India). *Is urban growth good for rural India?*

**11:00–11:30 Break**

**11:30–13:00 IV. Rural and urban development: linkages and disparities (continued)**

Cecilia Tacoli (International Institute for Environment and Development, UK). *Links between rural and urban development in Africa and Asia*

Haroldo da Gama Torres (Centro Brasileiro de Análise e Planejamento, Brazil). *Social and environmental aspects of peri-urban growth in Latin American megacities*

**13:00–14:30 Lunch break**

*Afternoon session (14:30–18:00)*

**14:30–16:00 V. Urban infrastructure, health and poverty**

Mark R. Montgomery (Population Council and State University of New York at Stony Brook, USA). *The health of urban populations in developing countries*

Nyovani Madise (University of Southampton, UK). *Progress towards the child mortality millennium development goal in urban sub-Saharan Africa*

**16:00–16:15 Break**

**16:15–18:00 VI. Urban planning and economic growth**

Eduardo López-Moreno (UN-Habitat, Kenya). *Urban growth patterns and socioeconomic inequalities in the world*

Peter J. Marcotullio (UN University, USA). *Globalisation and urban development in the Asia Pacific region*

Mee Kam Ng (University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong). *Urban system planning in China: the case of the Pearl River Delta*

**WEDNESDAY, 23 JANUARY 2008**

*Morning session (9:30–13:00)*

**9:30–11:15 VII. Spatial distribution of the population and climate change**

David Satterthwaite (International Institute for Environment and Development, UK). *Climate change and urbanization: effects and implications for urban governance*

Deborah L. Balk (Baruch College/City University of New York and CIESIN, USA). *Urban population distribution and the rising risks of climate change*

Henrik Urdal (International Peace Research Institute, Norway). *Demographic aspects of climate change, environmental degradation and armed conflict*

**11:15–11:30 Break**

**11:30–12:00 VIII. Summary and conclusions**

Chair: Hania Zlotnik (Population Division, United Nations)  
Rapporteur: Richard Bilsborrow (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA)

**12:00–12:15 Closing**