

**EXPERT SYMPOSIUM ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION
AND DEVELOPMENT**

Population Division

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OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

The Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs is organizing a one-day expert symposium on international migration and development, to be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Tuesday, 26 February 2019. The symposium is being convened in lieu of the annual coordination meeting on international migration, which has been organized by the Population Division since 2001. The symposium will be held immediately prior to, and in preparation for, the high-level debate on international migration and development to be convened by the President of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 27 February 2019 in response to draft resolution A/C.2/73/L.46, adopted in December 2018.

The expert symposium is being planned in close coordination with the Office of the President of the General Assembly and with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and other members of the United Nations Network on Migration. On 28 February 2019, IOM will convene the International Dialogue on Migration in New York, focusing on issues of migration and youth.

The purpose of the expert symposium is to: (a) highlight opportunities for addressing issues related to migration and development in the high-level political forum on sustainable development to be held in July and September 2019, (b) discuss ways and means of improving the collection and use of migration data in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, and (c) present and share information on recent initiatives on international migration and development.

Participants will be invited to discuss progress and challenges affecting achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets relevant to migration, as well as implementation of objective 1 of the Global Compact on collecting and utilizing accurate and disaggregated data for evidence-based policies.

By bringing together experts on international migration from the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations, national governments, civil society, academia and the private sector, the expert symposium will provide an opportunity to advance the global

discussion and to share practical information about ongoing and anticipated activities in the area of international migration and development.