



ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Day 1: Monday, 10 May 2021

9:00 - 9:15 am

Opening of the meeting

- John Wilmoth, Director, Population Division, UN DESA

9:15 - 9:45 am

Session I. Setting the stage

- **Moderator:** Karoline Schmid, Population Division, UN DESA
- Guangyu Zhang, Population Division, UN DESA. Overview of the expert group meeting on the fertility impact of COVID-19
- Patrick Gerland, Population Division, UN DESA. Introduction to the 27th revision of World Population Prospects
- Witness Chirinda, UNFPA. Assessing the impact of COVID-19 on fertility levels and trends: A proposal

9:50 - 11:15 am

Session II. Fertility response to public health and economic crises: Learning from the past

- **Moderator:** Vladimíra Kantorová, Population Division, UN DESA
- Ronald Lee, University of California, Berkeley. A historical perspective on the response of fertility to economic and mortality crises
- Svenn-Erik Mamelund, Oslo Metropolitan University. Lessons from the 1918 influenza pandemic
- Letizia Mencarini, Bocconi University. COVID-19 and human fertility: A global perspective

11:25 am - 12:45 pm

Session III. Potential impact of COVID-19 on fertility levels and trends in sub-Saharan Africa

- **Moderator:** Romesh Silva, UNFPA
- Kristin Bietsch, Avenir Health. Impact of COVID-19 on sub-Saharan African family planning programs: Current and future implications
- Jacques Emina, University of Kinshasa. Impact of COVID-19 on fertility in sub-Saharan Africa: What do we know and what can we expect?

- Philip Anglewicz, Johns Hopkins University. The impact of COVID-19 on fertility intentions and contraceptive use: Results from longitudinal studies in four African contexts
- Beth Kangwana, Population Council Kenya Office. Impact of COVID-19 on adolescent fertility in Nairobi's urban informal settlements

7:30 - 9:30 pm

IV. Potential impact of COVID-19 on fertility levels and trends in Eastern and South-Eastern Asia and Oceania

- **Moderator:** Guangyu Zhang, Population Division, UN DESA
- Peter McDonald, University of Melbourne. Australian fertility trends: The potential effects of COVID-19
- Cuiling Zhang and Yue Li, China Population and Development Research Center. The outbreak of COVID-19 further depresses the fertility of China: A preliminary analysis of changes in newborn population in 2020
- Stuart Gietel-Basten, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Potential impact of COVID-19 on fertility in selected Eastern and South-Eastern Asian territories

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Day 2: Tuesday, 11 May 2021

9:00 - 10:30 am

Session V: Potential impact of COVID-19 on fertility levels and trends in Latin America and the Caribbean, Central and Southern Asia, Northern Africa and Western Asia

- **Moderator:** Guiomar Bay, UN ECLAC
- Marcos A. Rangel, Duke University. Pandemics and fertility: Lessons from the Brazilian Zika virus epidemics
- Suzana Cavenaghi, Independent Researcher. COVID-19 and fertility in Latin America: Boom, bust, neither
- Henry V. Doctor, WHO EMRO. Impact of COVID-19 and civil unrest on fertility-related behavior and service delivery in the Middle East and North Africa
- Nahla Abdel-Tawab, Population Council Egypt Office. Effects of COVID-19 pandemic on fertility in Egypt
- Ravi Verma, International Center for Research on Women. Gendered impact of COVID with implication on fertility: Early indications

10:35 am -12:00 pm

Session VI. Potential impact of COVID-19 on fertility levels and trends in Europe and Northern America

- **Moderator:** Stephen M Kisambira, Population Division/DESA
- Tomáš Sobotka, Vienna Institute of Demography. Baby bust in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic in Europe? First results from the new STFF data series
- Francesco Billari, Bocconi University. Development, internetization and fertility in Europe and Northern America

- Michaela Kreyenfeld, Hertie School. The consequences of COVID for fertility and family behaviour in Germany
- Alison Gemmill, Johns Hopkins University. COVID-19 and fertility: What can we learn from recent trends in the US?
- Nathan Seltzer, University of California, Berkeley. Post-pandemic fertility: Lessons from the great recession

12:10 -1:00 pm

Session VII: Interactive discussion: Recommendations for development of assumptions on COVID-19 impact for fertility projections

- **Moderator:** Patrick Gerland, Population Division, UN DESA

1:00 pm

Closing of the meeting

- John Wilmoth, Director, Population Division, UN DESA