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# Strengthening the demographic evidence base for the post-2015 development agenda

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# **Briefing for Member States on substantive reports of the Secretary-General and note by the Secretariat**

Trusteeship Council Chamber, New York, 20 March 2016

Note by the Secretariat on the  
future organization and methods of work of the  
Commission on Population and Development  
(E/CN.9/2016/8)

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# Mandate and terms of reference

A/RES/49/128 of 19 December 1994, OP23c

The Commission “... will **monitor, review and assess the implementation of the Programme of Action** at the national, regional and international levels and advise the Council thereon;”



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Report of the 28<sup>th</sup> session of the CPD and ECOSOC  
decision 1995/55 of 28 July 1995

- (a) **Arranging for studies and advising the Council** on ...
- (b) **Monitoring, reviewing and assessing the implementation** of the PoA of the ICPD at the national, regional and global levels, identifying reasons for success and failure, and advising the Council thereon ...
- (c) **Providing appropriate recommendations** to the Council, on the basis of an integrated consideration of the reports and issues related to the Implementation of the Programme of Action
- (d) **Reviewing the findings of research and analysis** pertaining to the relationship between population and development ...



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**A/RES/65/234 of 22 December 2010, OP2**

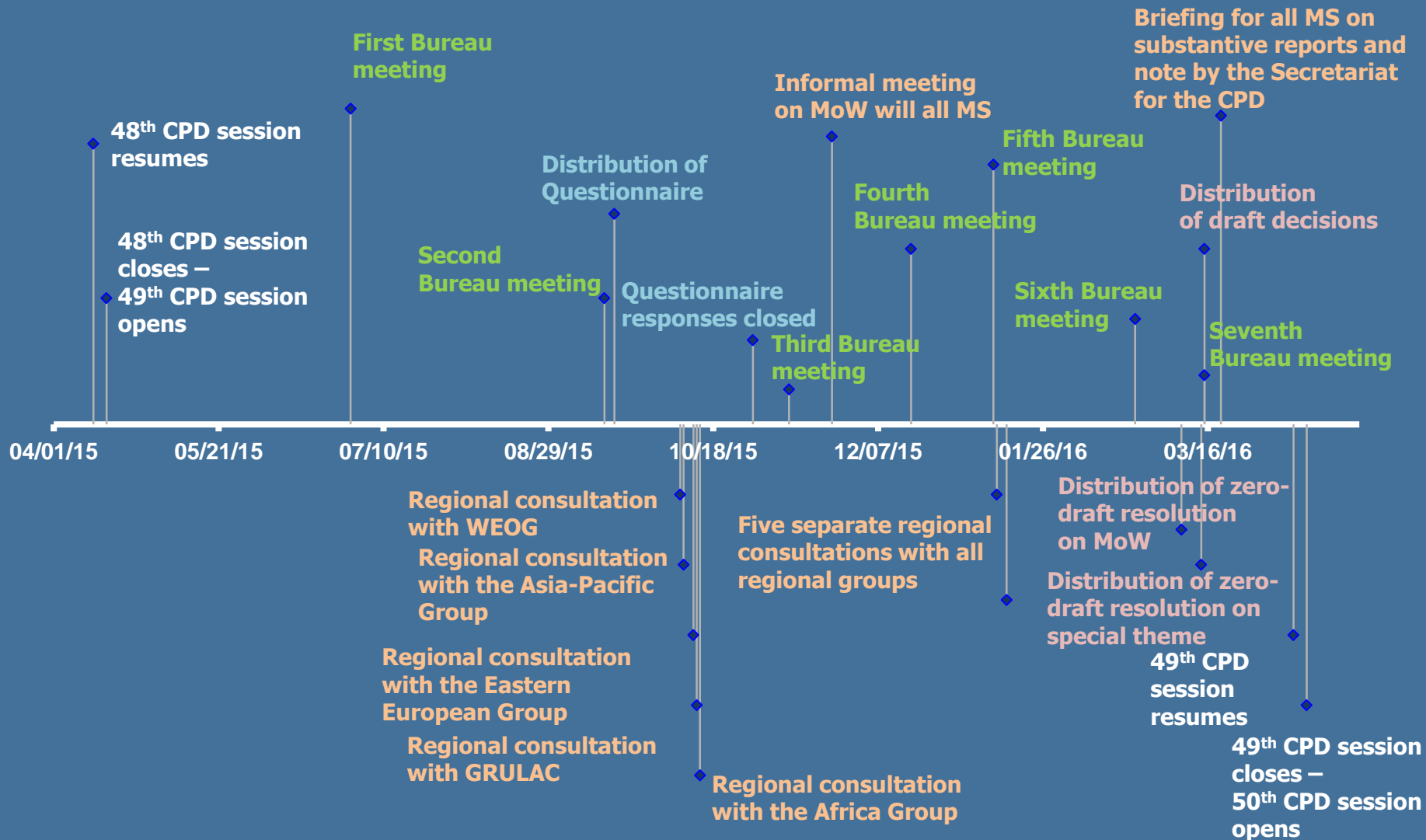
“... Decides to **extend the Programme of Action** and the key actions for its further implementation **beyond 2014** and ensure its follow-up in order to fully meet its goals and objectives ...”

**A/RES/70/1 of 25 September 2015, para 85**

“... **Thematic reviews of progress** on the Sustainable Development Goals ... will be **supported by reviews by the ECOSOC functional commissions** and other inter-governmental bodies and forums ... They will engage all relevant stakeholders and, where possible, feed into, and be aligned with, the cycle of the HLPF”.



# Timeline for consultation process



# Detailed questionnaire for Member States, and five open-ended questions for UN entities, international organizations and NGOs

**Contact Information**

Background information

**United Nations Questionnaire**  
on the future organization and methods of work of  
the Commission on Population and Development  
(in response to ECOSOC decision 2015/252)

Due date:  
23 October 2015

**Questionnaire**

**Introduction**

Pursuant to the forty-eighth session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) in 2015, the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) decided that the Commission shall review the functioning of its methods of work during its forty-ninth session in 2016. The purpose of the review is to enhance the impact of the work of the Commission and its contribution to the Economic and Social Council. The Council therefore requested the Secretariat, in consultation with Member States and UNFPA, to prepare a note for consideration by the Commission at its forty-ninth session (ECOSOC decision 2015/252).

This questionnaire was developed as a means of initiating the consultation with Member States, taking into account the relevant decisions and resolutions by the General Assembly, ECOSOC and the CPD, including the draft outcome document of the United Nations summit on the post-2015 development agenda (see Background Information, next page). Responses to the questionnaire will serve as input to a broader discussion of such issues, including the Secretariat's note, and will thus inform the deliberations of the forty-ninth session. Individual responses will be kept confidential - the final note will present only aggregate results.

Please submit your responses in English, French, or Spanish.

Please submit only one questionnaire per delegation, and please do so no later than **23 October 2015**.

It should be submitted by mail to:

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Open-ended questions of the Commission on Population and Development

Open-ended questions on the future organization and methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development (in response to ECOSOC decision 2015/252)

For: Non-governmental organizations

- (1) How should the methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development be adapted or revised in order to respond as effectively as possible to the continuing mandate to support the review and further implementation of the Programme of Action (PoA) of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD)?
- (2) How should the methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development be adapted or revised in order to respond as effectively as possible to the recent mandate to support the review of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the High-level Political Forum?
- (3) What is the most desirable form of the outcome for a session of the Commission on Population and Development? Moving forward, should there be one combined outcome or two separate outcomes to fulfil the Commission's mandate both for the review of the SDGs and for the review and further implementation of the ICPD PoA?
- (4) With regard to both plenary meetings and informal consultations, how should the timing or structure of a session of the Commission on Population and Development be adapted or revised in order to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of the Commission's work?
- (5) What are the best means of assuring the effective participation by representatives of civil society in the sessions of the Commission on Population and Development?

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- 37 responses received from Member States
- 4 responses received from UN entities or international organizations
- 7 responses received from NGOs

# Special themes and multiyear work programme

- Select a special theme for each annual session based on the **Programme of Action of the ICPD** and the key actions for its further implementation
- Take into account **elements of the 2030 Agenda** pertaining to issues of population and development
- Combine a review and follow-up of the PoA and related elements of the 2030 Agenda in a **unified and integrated manner**, as part of a **single debate** on the special theme
- Adopt a **four-year work programme**



# Organization of work

## Typical agenda of recent CPD sessions

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
3. Actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development
4. General debate on national experience in matters of population and development\*
5. ~~General debate on the contribution of population and development issues to the Economic and Social Council theme in [current year]\*\*~~
6. Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population
7. Provisional agenda for the [next] session of the Commission
8. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its [current] session

## Proposed agenda

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
3. **Actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development\***
  - a) **Overview of global population trends**
  - b) **General debate on implementation**
  - c) **Contributions to the review of the Sustainable Development Goals**
  - d) **Contributions to the [year] theme of the Economic and Social Council \*\***
4. General debate on national experience in matters of population and development\*
5. Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population
6. Provisional agenda for the [next] session of the Commission
7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its [current] session

\* Discussions under agenda item 3 and 4 will focus on the special theme of the [current] session on [special theme].

\*\* The Economic and Social Council has chosen [annual theme] as its annual theme for [year].

# Documentation

- **Balanced, evidence-based and concise**
- **Avoid duplication** between reports
- DESA and UNFPA should **invite relevant stakeholders to contribute** to reports
- Reports should include discussion of gaps in implementation and lessons learned and **concrete recommendations**
- Review of the 2030 Agenda, including Addis Ababa Action Agenda, should be **covered within existing reports**

# Outcome and reporting

- Outcome should contain **substantive recommendations** for furthering the implementation of the Programme of Action
- A **negotiated outcome should be the preferred form** of the Commission's recommendations
- An **executive summary**, prepared by the Chair in consultation with the regional groups through members of the Bureau, **could add value** to the Commission's report on the session that is submitted to ECOSOC, which could transmit the information for consideration by the HLPF

# Participants, roles and responsibilities

- **Regional groups** to nominate their representatives by no later than the last day of an annual session ensuring that all regional groups will be represented for preparation of next session
- **Regional commissions**, in collaboration with intergovernmental organizations, to contribute to the work of the session
- **National ministries**, including technical experts, **UN system** entities, ECOSOC-accredited **NGOs**, **other functional commissions** and other multilateral bodies and forums to contribute to the Commission

# Next steps: informal consultations – 29 March – 15 April

## Methods of work

- Distribution of zero draft: Tuesday, 8 March ✓
- Start of informal consultations: Tuesday, 29 March\*

## Special theme

- Distribution of zero draft: Monday, 14 March ✓
- Start of informal consultations: Monday, 4 April\*

## Informal consultations

- Week of 29 March – 1 April: only on methods of work\*
- Week of 4 – 8 April: mostly on the special theme\*
- Week of 11 – 15 April: any remaining issues\*

\* The schedule of informal consultations will be adjusted , as needed, by the co-facilitators.

**For the latest information:**

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