

Future organization and methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development

Informal Briefing for Member States

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Original mandate of the Commission on Population and Development



ECOSOC resolution 1995/55 of 28 July 1995:

- (a) **“Arranging for studies and advising the Council on ...”**
- (b) **“Monitoring, reviewing and assessing the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development 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.”**



Current mandates

A/RES/65/234, 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 ...”

2030 Agenda, 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**”.



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Review of the methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development

In ECOSOC Decision 2015/252, Future organization and methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development, the Council decided:

- (a) “That at its **forty-ninth session, in 2016**, the Commission on Population and Development should **review the functioning of its methods of work**, with a view to further enhancing the impact of the work of the Commission and its contribution to the Economic and Social Council;
- (b) **To request the Secretariat, in consultation with Member States and the United Nations Population Fund, to prepare a note for consideration by the Commission at its forty-ninth session on ways and means to achieve the above-mentioned objectives.”**

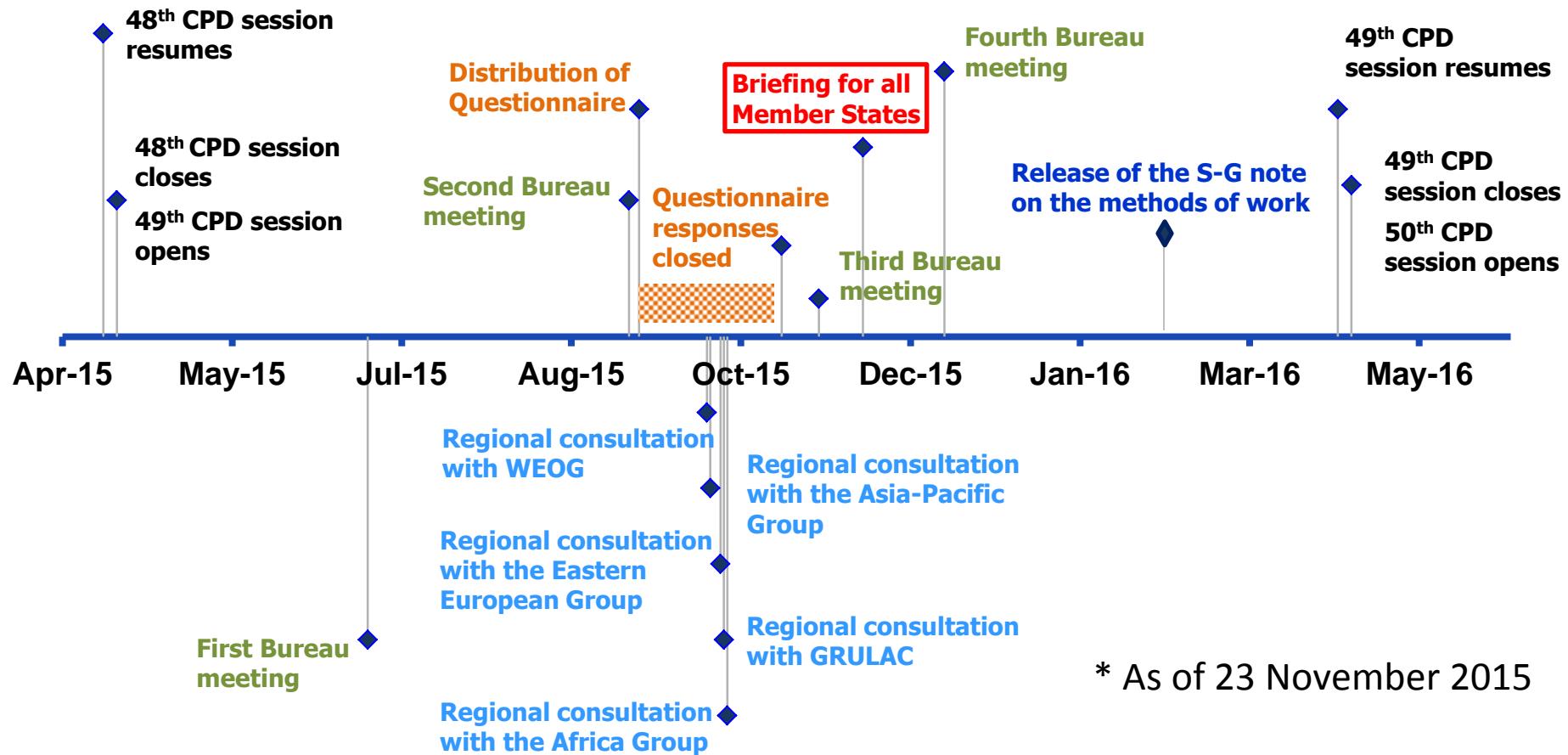


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Timeline for consultation process*



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

Background Information
The background information is provided in the following sections:

- Contact Information:** Delegation/Country, Office, Name, Title/Position.
- Review of the ICPD:** 1.6 What thematic forum(s) Review of the ICPD Add in your own other.
- Themes and outcomes (cont.):** 1.7 po 84 84
- Introduction:** **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 forty-ninth session of the Commission on Population and Development (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 on the future organization and methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development (in response to ECOSOC decision 2015/252)

(Please limit responses to 3,900 characters)

For: UN

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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Responses to questionnaires

- Will be kept confidential
- Will inform the final note by the Secretariat, which will present only aggregate results
- Will be understood as an expression of views by Member States and other stakeholders at the starting point of the review
- Will serve as input to a broader discussion during the 49th session



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Recurrent topics of the consultation process

- Themes and outcomes
 - Special theme
 - Population-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Documentation
- Structure and timing of meetings
- Participants, roles and responsibilities
- Other matters



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