

**UNITED NATIONS EXPERT GROUP MEETING
ON FERTILITY, CHANGING POPULATION TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENT**

Population Division

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OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

The Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations is organizing an Expert Group Meeting on Fertility, Changing Population Trends and Development: Challenges and Opportunities for the Future that will be held in New York from 21 to 22 October 2013. The purpose of the meeting is to bring together experts to address key questions about the future pace of fertility change, implications for age structure changes and other population trends and effective policy responses in order to inform preparations for the forty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development in 2014, the theme of which is the assessment of the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development.

The first day of the meeting will be devoted to presentations and discussions on fertility trends in diverse regions of the world, prospects for change and effective policy approaches that address the determinants and implications of these trends, including current challenges to young people's transitions to adulthood and the links between fertility, reproductive rights and women's empowerment and gender equality. The second day of the meeting will include two sets of interactive discussions. The first discussion will be on the key findings from the meeting, including the prioritization of issues for the global development agenda moving forward and of effective policy responses to shape future population trends. The second discussion will be on experts' perspectives on how to improve the accessibility and utilization of data and evidence on fertility and health for policymaking.