



Expert panel on “Integrating population issues into sustainable development, including in the post-2015 development agenda”

Thursday, 22 January 2015, at 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Conference Room 5, Conference Building
UN Headquarters, New York

The special theme for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on Population and Development, which will take place in April 2015, will be “**Realizing the future we want: Integrating population issues into sustainable development, including in the post-2015 development agenda**”. In preparation for the Commission, six invited experts will present their recent work and engage in a moderated discussion on the state of scientific knowledge on some of the main substantive issues that are expected to be discussed during the week of the Commission.

List of experts:



Dr. Jocelyn Finlay is a Research Scientist at the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies. Her research focuses on understanding the economic consequences of health and demographic change particularly in low and middle income countries.



Dr. Lori Hunter is a Professor of Sociology at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Her research examines the links between the population and its environment.



Dr. Sajeda Amin leads the Population Council’s work on livelihoods for adolescent girls. She is a senior sociologist and demographer with a large amount of experience generating evidence on empowerment programs for girls and women.



Dr. Leiwan Jiang is a Project Scientist III of NCAR's Earth System Laboratory. His research portfolio has involved methodological work on improving demographic components of integrated climate assessment model and exploring the environmental implication of demographic dynamics.



Dr. Parfait Eloundou-Enyegue is a professor at Cornell University. His research program in development sociology makes substantive and methodological contributions in three subfields: the sociology of education, social change, and the demography of inequality.



Dr. Alex de Sherbinin is the Associate Director for Science Applications at the Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN) at Columbia University specializing in the human aspects of global environmental change.

Provisional Agenda

- Opening Remarks
 - H.E. Ms. Bénédicte Frankinet, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative, Belgium
- Brief overview of major population trends
 - Mr. John Wilmoth, Director, Population Division/DESA
- Session 1: Inter-active dialogue on “Population dynamics, economic development, and poverty”
 - Jocelyn Finlay, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies
 - Sajeda Amin, The Population Council, New York
 - Parfait Eloundou-Enyegue, Cornell University
 - Moderator: Mr. John Wilmoth
- Session 2: Inter-active dialogue on “Population, resources, the environment, and climate change”
 - Lori Hunter, University of Colorado at Boulder
 - Leiwan Jiang, National Center for Atmospheric Research
 - Alex de Sherbinin, Columbia University
 - Moderator: TBD
- Closing Remarks
 - H.E. Ms. Bénédicte Frankinet, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative, Belgium

We look forward to your presence at the event.