

**UNITAR Written Statement**  
**52<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Commission on Population and Development**  
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- UNITAR is honoured to participate in the 52<sup>nd</sup> session of the Commission on Population and Development and welcomes the report of the Secretary General on the Review and appraisal of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and its contribution to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ([E/CN.9/2019/2\\*](#)). UNITAR would like to thank the member of the Bureau and the Chair H.E. Mr. Courtenay Rattray for the organization of the Commission and wish them a successful outcome.
- Over the past year, UNITAR has contributed to this session's theme, the "Review and appraisal of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and its contribution to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" through our training and capacity building courses, which reinforce the work of achieving the 2030 Agenda.
- As a leading provider of high-quality learning solutions and other knowledge products and services, UNITAR is deeply committed to helping Member States and other United Nations stakeholders implement the 2030 Agenda. We have produced our 2018-2021 strategic framework, which is sustained by 5 pillars - peace, people, planet, prosperity and cross-fertilizing knowledge and expertise. This framework is a result of a preparatory process of reflection and consultation which allows us to outline the direction that UNITAR will take and serve as a foundation for planning and budgeting, mobilizing resources, crafting partnerships, delivering results and measuring and evaluating our contribution to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as the work of the Commission on Population and Development.
- UNITAR continues to support the Commission on Population and Development and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration by delivering the message development to and new and current delegates through its programs such as:
  - The Seminar on Population and Development organized alongside UNFPA in December 2009.
  - The series of briefings for delegates on migration issues of relevance to the Global Compact for Migration, in conjunction with the 16<sup>th</sup> coordination meeting on international migration organized by the population division of UN DESA in February through to July 2018.
  - Our upcoming Mayors Migration Council at the High-Level Political Forum in July 2019. The Mayors Migration Council (MMC) is a new initiative to help cities have their voices and interests reflected in international deliberations and policies concerning refugees and migrants. The objective of the MMC is to empower and enable cities with knowledge, connections, and technical assistance to engage in migration diplomacy and policy-making on a regional and international level.

- UNITAR has also had the honor of being a Global Migration Group (GMG) member and directly supporting local and regional authorities to mainstream migration into local policy planning through the second phase of the United Nations Joint Migration and Development Initiative.
- With that, UNITAR looks forward to continue working with the population division of UN DESA, our colleagues in the GMG, as well as delegates and local authorities through our training and capacity building programs in order to implement the work of the Global Compact and the 2030 Agenda.