



Multi-stakeholder panel on assessing the status of implementation 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 during the
decade of action and delivery for sustainable development

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Introduction and objectives

During its fifty-seventh session, the Commission on Population and Development will consider the special theme of “Assessing the status of implementation 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 during the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development”. This multistakeholder panel will inform the deliberations under item 3 of the provisional agenda (General debate).

Panel members will include experts from government, academia and civil society. Panellists will bring their perspectives on both the achievements and the unfulfilled promises of the ICPD Programme of Action, considering the interlinkages between population dynamics, universal health coverage, including sexual and reproductive health, the exercise of individual rights, including reproductive rights, the eradication of poverty and hunger, the advancement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls and the achievement of sustained economic

"Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises for the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions". The SDGs to be reviewed at this year's HLPF are the following:

- Goal 1 End poverty in all its forms everywhere;
- Goal 2 End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture;
- Goal 13 Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts;
- Goal 16 Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels; and
- Goal 17 Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

Format

Following opening remarks by the moderator, panelists will be invited to address selectively, the guiding questions (see below). Members of the Commission, observers and civil society organizations are encouraged to ask questions or raise issues in reaction to the preceding discussion. Reading from prepared statements is discouraged. Panelists will briefly respond to the questions and issues raised by delegations, after which the moderator will make brief closing remarks.

Indicative questions for panelists

The following are indicative questions to be addressed by the panelists:

- Which demographic trends are the most salient to development planning in your country, region or area of expertise?
- From your perspective, what are the key aspects of the ICPD Programme of Action for which progress must be accelerated?
- How can we best achieve a reduction of inequalities and ensure that no one is left behind implementing the Programme of Action?
- How can the accelerated implementation of the Programme of Action contribute to the

In the face of global challenges such as climate change, food insecurity, conflict and pandemics, how can the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action be adapted to address emerging issues and build resilience in the population? Which strategies have been successful in promoting gender equality and women's empowerment as outlined in the ICPD Programme of Action and how can these be