Introduction

The Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), held in Cairo in 1994, promoted a people-centred approach to development grounded in the respect for human rights, empowerment of women and environmental sustainability. Elements of both the Millennium Development Goals and the Sustainable Development Goals were derived from its forward-looking goals and objectives. The 2030 Agenda emphasises leaving no one behind and builds on the recognition that people live with multiple, simultaneous and compound inequalities, many of which are mutually reinforcing.

In decision 2017/101 (see E/2017/25), the Commission on Population and Development decided that the theme for its fifty-second session, in 2019, would be “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”.

In preparation of the 52nd session of the Commission on Population and Development, marking 25 years since the International Conference on Population and Development held in Cairo, two reports have been prepared to inform the deliberations on the theme of the commission, celebrating progress and identifying shortfalls in the implementation of the Programme of Action since 1994. Both reports reaffirm the continuing relevance of the Programme of Action for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, underpinning the theme of the interactive expert panel.

In the Report of the Secretary-General “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” (see E/CN.9/2019/2) the contribution of changing age distributions and their consequent enabling of the demographic dividend, the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women and the interrelationships among population, environment and climate change were reviewed to identify gaps in the implementation of the Programme of Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
The Report of the Secretary-General “Monitoring of population programmes, focusing 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 on and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” (see E/CN.9/2019/3), drawing on the results of the 2018 regional reviews of the Conference, reiterates the centrality of health, education and women’s empowerment to sustainable development; and the collective need to ensure environmental sustainability to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Objectives and expected results**

The expert panel will discuss the potential further contributions of the Programme of Action to the successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, by reviewing lessons learned and best practices as well as priorities for action on the road to 2030.

Deliberations by the panel will serve as a contribution to the discussion on the special theme of the 52nd session, and the Commission’s contribution to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the HLPF. The panel’s key findings will be summarized in the report on the 52nd session, while a more comprehensive summary will be made available on the Commission’s website hosted by the Population Division.
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Introduction of the theme by Mr. Fred Pearce, author and journalist, moderator of the expert panel (10 min.)

Introduction of the panelists (5 min.):

**Rudelmar Bueno de Faria (Brazil)**
Rudelmar Bueno de Faria (Brazil) is the General Secretary of the ACT Alliance, appointed in 2017. Mr Bueno de Faria has over 25 years of experience working with national and international religious and church-related organisations on humanitarian, development and advocacy programmes. Prior to this, he served as the World Council of Churches Representative to the United Nations and Deputy Director for the Lutheran World Federation. ACT Alliance is a global coalition of more than 150 religious and church-related organisations working on providing humanitarian relief and emergency assistance to and advocating for the most marginalized communities. The main programmatic areas include: Gender Justice, Climate Justice, Peace and Human Security, Migration and Displacement, and Humanitarian Response and Disaster Risk Reduction.

**Alex Ezeh (Nigeria)**
Alex Ezeh (Nigeria) is a professor of global health at Drexel University, USA. He served as the founding Executive Director of the African Population and Health Research Center in Nairobi from 2001 to 2017. He holds a PhD in demography from the University of Pennsylvania. His work focuses on addressing the challenges that come with the growth of slums around the world and the continuing rapid population growth in sub-Saharan Africa. He co-chaired the Guttmacher-Lancet Commission on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights.

**María Antonieta Alcalde (Mexico)**
María Antonieta Alcalde (Mexico) is the Director of Advocacy of the International Planned Parenthood Federation/Western Hemisphere Region (IPPF/WHR) and Director of the IPPF UN Liaison Office. She has co-founded several organizations, including the Latin American Youth Network for Sexual and Reproductive Rights and the Youth Coalition. Prior to joining IPPF/WHR, she was the General Coordinator of Balance, Promotion for Development and Youth in Mexico City, where she designed and implemented workshops on gender, sexual and reproductive rights, advocacy, and youth leadership.

**Leiwen Jiang (China)**
Leiwen Jiang (China) is Senior Associate of the Population Council and Professor and Founding Director of the Asian Demographic Research Institute (ADRI) at Shanghai University. His research focuses on quantitative assessment of demographic dynamics and climate change risks, vulnerability, resilience, and mitigation. He served as a Lead Author of the 5th Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and is a member of the IUSSP’s Scientific Panel on Climate Change.
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| 3.15-3.45 p.m. | Part I. Initial statements by panelists      | In the first part of the session panelists will, based on their respective expertise and experience, review lessons learned and best practices from the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, drawing on regional examples in the field of poverty reduction, empowerment and education, health, family planning, as well as sustainable development. The statements will comment on the potential contribution of the Programme of Action to the successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and highlight priorities for action on the road to 2030.  
- Brief statement by experts with follow up questions by the moderator (8 min. each)  
Moderator: Mr. Fred Pearce |
| 3.45-4.15     | Part II. Interactive debate with plenary     | In the second part of the session the floor will be opened for questions from the plenary and an interactive debate with experts.  
- Interactive debate (30 min.)  
Moderator: Mr. Fred Pearce |
| 4.15-4.30     | Final round of conclusions and closing       | In the final part of the session the experts are invited to make concluding remarks.  
- Concluding remarks by experts (10 min.)  
- Wrap-up and closing remarks by Mr. Fred Pearce, moderator (5 min.)  
Moderator: Mr. Fred Pearce |