

# COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Fiftieth session, 3-7 April 2017

## **Briefing on organizational matters, logistics and NGO participation**

2 March 2017, 1:15 - 2:30 pm  
Trusteeship Council Chamber

**Statement by Mr. John Wilmoth, Director  
Population Division/DESA**

Good afternoon, excellencies, delegates, colleagues.

### **Sign-in sheet**

First, let me kindly remind all participants please to sign in on the sheets that are being circulated in the room, if you have not done so already.

Please write your name, the mission or organization that you are representing, and your email address. This will ensure that the Secretariat has a complete and up-to-date contact list, which will be very useful for distributing information during the coming weeks.

### **Documentation**

Regarding the documentation for the upcoming session of the Commission, as the Chair, H.E. Ms. Alya Al-Thani, has just noted, all documents have already been posted on the Population Division's website at [www.unpopulation.org](http://www.unpopulation.org).

### **Dates**

As you know, the plenary meetings of the upcoming session will take place from 3 to 7 April. The Bureau decided to start the informal consultations on Wednesday, 29 March.

themes for the 51<sup>st</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> sessions in 2018 and 2019, and the other will address some specific topics in follow-up to last year's review of the Commission's methods of work.

### **Webcast**

All plenary meetings of the upcoming session will be transmitted “live” via UN Web TV. The recordings will be accessible through the Population Division’s website after the session has concluded.

### **Meeting rooms**

The plenary meetings of the Commission are scheduled to be held in Conference Room 4 of the Conference Building. For the period 29-31 March, informal consultations will take place in Conference Room 11. During the week of 3-7 April, informal consultations will take place in Conference Room 6.

The Secretariat will assist the co-facilitators in keeping you informed of any room changes. Nevertheless, I recommend strongly that delegations also on the Secretariat, at the 128th (16) Staff for information about any last-minute room changes.

NGOs will be allowed into the balcony of CR 4, space permitting. On the morning of 3 April, CR

Commission will consider the report of the Secretary-General on programme implementation and progress of work in the field of population in 2016, and a note by the Secretary-General on the draft programme of work for the period 2018-2019 of the Secretariat. Member States are invited to make statements with reference to the report and the note prepared for this agenda item, keeping in mind that the Commission serves as the governing body of the Population Division.

On Friday afternoon, the Commission will take action on the draft proposals, including one resolution (on the special theme) and three decisions (on special themes for the next two sessions, on specific topics in follow-up to the review of the Commission's methods of work and on the provisional agenda for the 51<sup>st</sup> session in 2018). The Commission should also adopt the draft report of the Commission on its 50<sup>th</sup> session on Friday afternoon.

Immediately following the closing of the 50<sup>th</sup> session on Friday, 7 April, the 51<sup>st</sup> session will open for the sole purpose of electing the new members of the Bureau. Following the principle of geographical rotation followed by the Commission since 2005, the Eastern European Group will nominate the Chair of the 51<sup>th</sup> session, for election by the entire Commission.

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The panel of experts will include the following four persons:

**Agnieszka Chlon-Dominczak (Poland)**, Assistant Professor at Warsaw School of Economics and Educational Research Institute, Warsaw, Poland, and former Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy

**Rafael Rofman (Argentina)**, World Bank Program Leader for Education, Health, Social Protection and Labor, and Poverty, Buenos Aires, Argentina

**Edith Esinam Asamani (Ghana)**, Project Officer, Ghana Adolescent Reproductive Health project, at Hope For Future Generations

**Youssef Courbage (Lebanon)**, Research Director, Institut national d'études démographiques, Paris, France

For the interactive discussions following the keynote addresses and the national voluntary presentations, delegates are encouraged to share spontaneous remarks in reaction to the current discussion, rather than reading prepared statements.

We will post short summaries of the presentations and biographic information on the keynote speakers and the panelists on the website of the Population Division prior to the session.

### **Grounds passes for delegates**

We have been advised by the UN security service that delegates who need grounds passes must submit their requests to UN Security at least 48 hours in advance. The general advice is that the sooner delegates apply for grounds passes, the better.

### **Side events**

We have received expressions of interest from permanent missions, UN entities, and non-governmental organizations to organize side events. Please note that NGOs cannot organize side-events on their own, but need to have a permanent mission collaborate with them. If you are considering organizing such an event, please contact us as soon as possible, but no later than 27 March, since room availability is often an issue and cannot be guaranteed. Once we have final confirmations, we will post a schedule of side events on the CPD website.

Please note that organizers are entirely responsible for side-events; this includes the costs for organizing such events, securing passes for entry to the UN premises, drafting of flyers etc.

More information on organizing side events is posted on the website of the Population Division. If you are interested in organizing an event, please send information about it to [CPD50@un.org](mailto:CPD50@un.org).

A list of all side-



