

**The 56th Session of the United Nations Commission on
Population and Development**
**Program for the Side Event on "Population Changes and
Human Capital Development in China"**

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I. Background

In 2022, China's population embarked on a trajectory of negative growth, marking a new era of China's population and development. China will face a future where its birth rate continues to decline, adolescents and youth population shrink, proportion of working-age population decreases, and population ageing accelerates. Meanwhile, the educational attainments among the general population continue to improve and the rise in human capital provides new driving forces for China's social economic development. This however hinges largely on government's investments in the education and health for adolescents and youths, especially for women, and how the government will facilitate their entry into the labor market and ensure equal opportunities for both genders. With this in mind, a side event will be conducted on China's population changes and human capital development during the CPD56 taking advantage of its focus on "Population, education and sustainable development". The side event will present on the achievements China has made on population and development, potential of human capital development, and how such changes may contribute to the future world's development.

II. Organization

Organizers: China Population and Development Research Center (CPDRC), China Family Planning Association (CFPA)

Time: 13:15-14:30 on April 11th 2023

Venue: Conference Room 11, UN Headquarters, New York City, United States

Interpretation: Simultaneous interpretation will be provided on-site.

Participants: About 60 participants, including 1) One responsible official each from the Department of International Cooperation and the Department of Population Surveillance and Family Development, National Health Commission; 2) Researchers from China Population and Development Research Center (CPDRC); 3) Members from China Family Planning Association; 4) 2-3 staff members from the UNFPA; 5) United Nations Population Division (UNPD) and other UN agencies; and 6) Delegates from other countries attending the CPD56.

III. Preliminary Agenda

Opening remarks by the Moderator (13:15-13:20)

Mr. Zhang Xuying, Deputy Director-general, China Population and Development Research Center (CPDRC)

Presentations (13:20-13:44)

1. Mid-to-long term trends of population changes in China based on the seventh population census results in 2020

Speaker: Ms. Zhang Cuiling, Researcher, China Population and Development Research Center (6 min)

2. Practice of promotion and development of the 16th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025)