



EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON
POPULATION, FOOD SECURITY, NUTRITION
AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
(Virtual meeting)
New York, 28-30 October 2020

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CONCEPT NOTE

Introduction and objectives

The United Nations Population Division



Mandate of the Commission

The mandate of the Commission, as reaffirmed in 2016, is to monitor, review and assess the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). Within that mandate, the Commission contributes also to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, taking into account the integrated nature of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their interlinkages. Each year, the Commission negotiates a resolution on the special theme.

Current context

In March 2017, the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) met in New York to discuss the current context of population and development in the light of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Commission discussed the current context of population and development in the light of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

inequalities, including a focus on the gender dimension; capital intensity of production and jobless transformation; decent employment and connections to urban and rural poverty; data, including big data; innovation and technology.

- What other topics may merit expanded discussion, keeping in mind the connections to population dimensions?

3) Evidence for impacts of COVID

- What concrete evidence do we have for impacts of COVID-19 on food security and nutrition?
- What areas are impacted: incomes, supply chains, programme delivery, other?
- Has COVID-19 changed earlier thinking on potential relationships between pandemics and food systems?
- Has COVID-19 shifted earlier thinking on broader questions of sustainable food systems?
- What are the relationships between poor nutrition/unhealthy diets and COVID-19 morbidity and mortality?

Format of the meeting

The meeting will be held virtually on the Microsoft Teams or Webex platform (TBC). To accommodate participants from a range of time zones, three-hour sessions will be held from 8:00am-11:00am, EDT over three days. The length of presentations will be limited to allow sufficient time for discussion, and written inputs will be encouraged.

Outcome of the meeting

The expert meeting is expected to provide substantive inputs and advice for the preparation of the reports of the Secretary-G