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Thank you for affording the Economic Commission for Africa the opportunity to present to you the work on population and development that ECA does in Africa.

The Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) is pleased to participate in the 20th

session of the Commission on Population and Development, *Strengthening the*

*Research Evidence* (2015) ...

Commission (AUC) in September 2012. The Declaration consists of 22

commitments that set out concrete actions and Africa's priorities on population in the development agenda post 2015.

ECA upon the request of member states is developing *an Operational Guide* that will be used as an instrument that would offer member states clear and specific

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undergoing rapid demographic changes, and the proportion of older persons (60 years and above) has increased tremendously over the past few decades. The demographic changes are occurring at the same time as other equally significant