

# Population Data for Action: A Population Data Portal

Side Event at the 55th session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD)

## CONCEPT NOTE

As major UN reforms consolidate, the focus is now on building stronger capabilities to better serve people and the planet in the 21st century with a focus on innovation, data and digitization. As a significant step in this direction, in 2020 the UN Secretary General's Data Strategy (2020-2025) is launching a Population Data Portal (PDP) at the 55th session of the Commission on Population and Development.

The PDP provides a home for UNFPA's core population, health, and gender indicators, and capitalizes on the increasing availability of georeferenced census and survey data, enabling a wide range of layering and mapping functions.

It provides easy-to-use interfaces to manage and analyze datasets, making them more broadly accessible to users.

The PDP and the portal's features, discuss the importance of using population data for development actions, debate issues of quality of both national data and model-based estimates, transparency on sources, and investigate how strengthening the nexus of statistics, geospatial data, and health will improve emergency preparedness and ongoing development challenges. The session will begin with opening remarks from the UNFPA Executive Director, followed by a brief presentation of the portal and a panel discussion with four guest speakers.

## SPEAKERS

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## THE MODERATED PANEL DISCUSSION:

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