

Expert panel on the programme of work in population¹

Thursday, 13 April 2023, 10:00-11:30 a.m. EDT

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Introduction

The expert panel will examine the following documents prepared for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on Population and Development:

- Report of the Secretary-General on programme implementation and progress of work in the field of population in 2022: Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (E/CN.9/2023/5), and
- Note by the Secretariat on the programme plan for 2023 and programme performance for 2021: subprogranal development agenda.

The report of the Secretary-General on programme implementation and progress of work in the field of population in 2022 details the activities of the Division in analyzing global trends in fertility, mortality, international migration and population ageing; the preparation of global population estimates and projections; the analysis of interrelations between population and sustainable development; the dissemination of population data and information; capacity development support provided to Member States; and the support provided to intergovernmental and interagency processes.

As documented in the report, key achievements of the work programme during 2022 included (a) publication of the first megatrends report, which focused on population growth and sustainable development (February), (b) launch of the 2022 revision of estimates and projections of world

¹ Item 4 of the provisional agenda entitled "Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population" (<https://undocs.org/en/E/CN.9/2023/1>).

population (July), (c) commemoration of the day the world population reached 8 billion (November), and (d) support provided to three intergovernmental processes.

The note by the Secretariat on the programme plan for 2023 and programme performance for 2021: subprogramme 5, Population, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs, provides the programme of work in 2023 and an overview of key deliverables in 2021, 2022 and 2023.

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