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## Economic Commission for Europe

### Regional Conference on International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) +25

Geneva, 1 and 2 October 2018

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

**Election of officers and adoption of the agenda**

### **Annotated provisional agenda for the Economic Commission for Europe Regional Conference on International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) +25<sup>1</sup>**

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, beginning on  
Monday, 1 October 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

#### **I. Introduction**

In 2014, the international community reviewed progress on 20 years of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) at national, regional and global levels. The regional reviews were led by the United Nations Regional Commissions in close collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Their outcomes contributed to the global review of the ICPD Beyond 2014, which took place at the 47th session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) and culminated in the 29th Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly in September 2014. Concluding the review, CPD in its resolution 2014/1 requested the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the United Nations system and relevant organizations, to continue assessing and reporting on progress towards the full implementation of the Programme of Action of ICPD.

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<sup>1</sup> All delegates attending the UNECE Regional Conference on ICPD+25 are requested to register via the Conference web page (<http://www.unece.org/pau/icpd25.html>). On the day of the meeting, delegates should obtain an identification badge from the Pass and Identification Unit at the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section at the Pregny gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). For practical information see <http://www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html>.



In response to this resolution, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and UNFPA will organize a joint high-level Regional Conference on ICPD+25 under the title “Enabling Choices: Population Dynamics and Sustainable development”. Focusing on the regional ICPD beyond 2014 outcome document – the Chair’s summary – and aligning with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Conference will contribute to the assessment of progress made in implementing the ICPD Programme of Action in the UNECE region.

## **II. Provisional agenda**

### **A. High-level plenary session**

1. Official opening of the Conference and keynote address.
2. Election of officers and adoption of the agenda.
3. Recommitting to the vision of Cairo 1994.
4. Report on the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action in the UNECE region since the ICPD Beyond 2014 review.

### **B. Thematic sessions**

5. Population dynamics and sustainable development.
6. Families, sexual and reproductive health over the life course.
7. Inequalities, social inclusion and rights.

### **C. Closing plenary session of the Conference**

## **III. Annotations**

### **A. High-level plenary session**

#### **1. Official opening of the Conference and keynote address**

The Executive Secretary of UNECE and the Deputy Executive Director of UNFPA will make opening statements followed by a keynote address.

#### **2. Election of officers and adoption of the agenda**

Documentation: Annotated provisional agenda for the Regional Conference on ICPD+25 (ECE/AC.32/2018/1)

The Conference will elect three co-chairs representing the major UNECE subregions and will designate a rapporteur of the Conference.

The elected co-chairs will make brief introductory remarks and agree on the distribution of their chairing tasks.

The Conference will adopt the agenda.

### **3. Recommitting to the vision of Cairo 1994**

This segment of the plenary session will be dedicated to the milestones of the ICPD Programme of Action since 1994 and its importance for achieving the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development in the UNECE region and beyond. The invited speakers will share their experiences and expectations of the impact of the ICPD Programme of Action on their individual lives and society. The synergies between the 2030 Agenda and the ICPD Programme of Action will be highlighted in the context of the forthcoming quadrennial Global Sustainable Development Report 2019.

### **4. Report on the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action in the UNECE region since the ICPD Beyond 2014 review**

Documentation: Extracts from the Report on the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action in the UNECE region (ECE/AC.32/2018/3)

The secretariat will introduce the regional report on the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action over the last five years. The presentation will summarize the findings of the report and will highlight persistent and emerging issues related to population and sustainable development across the UNECE region.

The Director of the UNFPA regional office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia will deliver a presentation on challenges and progress in implementing the ICPD agenda in the countries of this region.

Following the presentations, the floor will be opened for statements by member States and for general discussion.

## **B. Thematic sessions**

Thematic sessions will be moderated by the Conference co-chairs. The rapporteur of the Conference will briefly summarize the discussion after each session. Three to four panellists, rotating between representatives of academia, the public sector and civil society, will set the stage for the discussion at each thematic session by introducing core ICPD-related issues and their implications for the Sustainable Development Goals from a broad and forward-looking perspective.

This will be followed by statements and comments from member States, researchers, civil society representatives and other participants. The interventions from the floor will be limited to five minutes each. The secretariat will open a subscription for interventions by member States in September 2018 after the registration of the nominated delegates is closed.

Within the areas defined for the thematic session, delegates may wish to consider mentioning in their statements the main achievements and obstacles in implementing the ICPD Programme of Action during the last five years, as well as priorities and considerations for future action in their country.

The rapporteur will summarize the main points raised by the panellists as well as speakers from the floor in a brief statement.

Each thematic session will commence or conclude with a series of two-three brief presentations showcasing the innovative policy approaches or technological innovations related to the theme.

## **5. Population dynamics and sustainable development**

The first thematic session will address the interrelations between demographic change, inclusive economic growth and sustainable development. Topics to be discussed will include: the changing age and household structure of the region's population and the socioeconomic implications of such shifts; low fertility and the impact of international migration; investments in youth, a successful reconciliation of work and family life and in realizing the potential of older persons as drivers of sustainable development. The session will highlight opportunities for a harmonious balance between social, economic and environmental development centred on principles of human rights and equality.

## **6. Families, sexual and reproductive health over the life course**

The second thematic session will focus on topics related to sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and reproductive rights in the context of extended life courses, as well as on matters related to family formation. The discussion is expected to highlight the progress made over the last five years and draw attention to emerging issues at the core of the ICPD Programme of Action. It will address the diversity of family forms and the provision of socioeconomic support to the family well-being; policy responses and financial mechanisms to reduce inequalities in the area of SRH; youth-friendly services and access to information on SRH; sustained and integrated approaches to the prevention of HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) and sexually transmitted infections.

## **7. Inequalities, social inclusion and rights**

The third thematic session will centre on inequity and vulnerable population groups, as well as on the factors that contribute to the formation or alleviation of these inequities. These issues will be discussed in relation to population dynamics and development, health and education, gender equality and women's empowerment. Strides made in the last five years in combating gender-based violence, abuse and neglect of older persons, persons with disabilities, and undocumented migrants will be highlighted. Special attention will be given to policies and mechanisms that foster social inclusion and encompass a rights-based approach as a key ingredient of enabling choices and opportunities for all, regardless of gender, class, race or ethnicity, religion, culture, income level, disability, sexual orientation or any other characteristic.

## **C. Closing plenary session of the Conference**

One of the co-chairs of the Conference will present the highlights from the two-day discussions based on the rapporteur's summary. The complete rapporteur's summary will be published as part of the Conference proceedings.

The Deputy Executive Director of UNFPA will brief the Conference on the global ICPD+25 review and the modalities of incorporating the regional review outcomes in the deliberations of the 52nd session of the Commission on Population and Development.

After the closing statements by the Conference organizers from UNECE and UNFPA, one of the co-chairs will close the Conference.

## IV. Tentative timetable

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>
<b>Monday, 1 October 2018</b>	
<b>High-level segment</b>	
10:00 – 10:30	Item 1: Official opening of the Conference and keynote address
10:30 – 10:45	Item 2: Election of officers and adoption of the agenda
10:45 – 11:45	Item 3: Recommitting to the vision of Cairo 1994
11:45 – 12:15	Item 4: Report on the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action in the UNECE region since ICPD Beyond 2014 review
12:15 – 13:00	Discussion: comments by member States, experts, civil society
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch break
<b>Thematic sessions</b>	
Item 5:	
<b>Population dynamics and sustainable development</b>	
15:00 – 16:30	Panel discussion
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee break
17:00 – 17:35	Discussion: comments by member States, experts, civil society
17:35 – 17:45	Rapporteur's summary
17:45 – 18:00	Celebrating innovations and good practices – Population dynamics and sustainable development
18:00	Closing of the first day
<b>Tuesday, 2 October 2018</b>	
Item 6:	
<b>Families, sexual and reproductive health over the life course</b>	
09:30 – 10:45	Panel discussion
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 11:50	Discussion: comments by member States, experts, civil society
11:50 – 12:00	Rapporteur's summary
12:00 – 12:15	Celebrating innovations and good practices – Families, sexual and reproductive health over the life course

**Tuesday,  
2 October 2018**

Item 7:

**Inequalities, social inclusion and rights**

12:15 – 12:30	Celebrating innovations and good practices – Inequalities, social inclusion and rights
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 – 15:45	Panel discussion
15:45 – 16:20	Discussion: comments by member States, experts, civil society
16:20 – 16:30	Rapporteur’s summary
	<b>Closing plenary session</b>
16:30 – 16:45	Highlights from the Conference discussion
16:45 – 17:00	ICPD+25 – Global review and regional inputs
17:00 – 17:30	Closing remarks
<b>17:30</b>	<b>Closing of the Conference</b>

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