



Economic Commission for Europe**Regional Conference on International Conference
on Population and Development (ICPD)**

Geneva, 19 and 20 October 2023

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

Election of officers and adoption of the agenda**Annotated provisional agenda for the Regional Conference
on International Conference on Population and
Development***

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, beginning on Thursday,
19 October 2023 at 10 a.m.

I. 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. 30 years after Cairo: The International Conference on Population and Development agenda in a changing world
4. Report on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region

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

* All delegates attending the UNECE Regional Conference on ICPD30 are requested to register via the Conference web page (<https://unece.org/population/icpd30>). 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 <https://www.ungeneva.org/en/about/practical-information>.



C. Closing plenary session of the Conference

8. Highlights from the Conference discussions
9. Global review and regional inputs
10. Closing remarks

II. Annotations

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 review was led by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) in close collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). It concluded with the UNECE Regional Conference “Enabling Choices: Population Priorities for the 21st Century” (1 and 2 July 2013, Geneva). The Chair’s summary of the 2013 Conference was presented as the outcome document of the 20-year review in the UNECE region, containing recommendations for member States. Concluding the review, the Commission for Population and Development, 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 ICPD Programme of Action. The Regional Conference on ICPD30, marking the upcoming thirtieth anniversary of ICPD, will contribute to the assessment of progress made since the last regional review in 2018. It will also highlight the contributions of ICPD to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development during the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development.

A. High-level plenary session

1. Official opening of the Conference and keynote address

The Executive Secretary of UNECE and the 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 International Conference on Population and Development (ECE/AC.32/2023/1)

The Conference will elect two co-chairs. 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. 30 years after Cairo: The International Conference on Population and Development agenda in a changing world

This segment of the high-level plenary session will be dedicated to highlighting the continued relevance and importance of the ICPD Programme of Action three decades after its adoption in Cairo in 1994, and how its implementation contributes to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals. As concerns about demographic change increasingly dominate public discourses, the ICPD principles agreed on by member States, including the prioritization of individuals’ rights and choices over numerical population targets and the focus on gender equality, serve as key signposts for developing constructive, forward-looking and evidence-based responses that build demographic resilience by improving individual well-being and expanding human capital. The session will explore linkages between demographic change and health, including sexual and reproductive health, education, and gender equality across the life course.

4. Report on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region

Documentation: Extracts from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Report on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ECE/AC.32/2023/3)

The secretariat will share the key findings of the regional report on progress in the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action (PoA) over the last five years. The presentation will highlight key trends over time and progress, as well as persistent and emerging challenges, 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 PoA in the 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. A rapporteur will briefly summarize the discussion after each session. Three to four panellists including representatives of Governments, academia, civil society and international organizations 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, youth representatives and other participants. The interventions from the floor will be limited to three minutes each. The secretariat will open a subscription process for interventions by member States in September 2023 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.

Each thematic session will commence or conclude with a series of two to three brief highlights 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 gender equality, 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; the impact of international migration, and urbanization; investments in youth; reconciliation of work and family life, redistribution of unpaid care work and gender-responsive family policies; and full participation of older persons, especially women, as drivers of sustainable development. The session will explore the diverse policy response in the region and highlight opportunities for a harmonious balance between social, economic, and environmental development centred on principles of human rights and gender 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 existence of policy

frameworks and efforts undertaken by countries to improve policy implementation. It will address the diversity of family forms and the provision of socioeconomic support for 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; and 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 the context of diverse demographic realities across the region with attention to development, health and education, gender equality and women's empowerment. The discussion will explore countries' efforts to expand individual opportunities by investing in their capacities and enabling them to access resources and realise their rights. 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**

8. **Highlights from the Conference discussions**

One of the co-chairs of the Conference will present the highlights of the two-day discussions. The Conference conclusions will be published as part of the Conference report.

The secretariat will present the draft report of the Conference.

9. **Global review and regional inputs**

The Conference will be briefed on the global ICPD30 review and the modalities of incorporating the regional review outcomes in the deliberations of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development in 2024.

10. **Closing remarks**

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

III. **Tentative timetable**

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
Thursday, 19 October 2023	
High-level Plenary session	
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. 30 years after Cairo: The International Conference on Population and Development agenda in a changing world
11:45–12:15	Item 4. Report on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
12:15–13:00	Discussion: comments by member States, experts, civil society
13:00–15:00	Lunch break
	Thematic sessions
	Item 5. Population dynamics and sustainable development
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
Friday, 20 October 2023	
	Item 6. Families, sexual and reproductive health over the life course
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
	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
	Closing plenary session of the Conference
16:30–16:45	Item 8. Highlights from the Conference discussions
16:45–17:00	Item 9. Global review and regional inputs
17:00–17:30	Item 10. Closing remarks
17:30	Closing of the Conference