

**European Population Forum 2004:  
Population Challenges and Policy Responses**  
12–14 January 2004  
Geneva, Switzerland

**Provisional Programme of the Forum**

*Monday 12 January 2004*

Morning session: Opening Ceremony: 10.00 – 11.00

Chair: **Ambassador Walter Fust**, Director General, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

Opening statements by the Director General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, the Executive Director of UNFPA, the Executive Secretary of UNECE and a Representatives of the European Commission and the Council of Europe.

Morning session: 11.30 – 13.00

**Keynote addresses: “Population and development in Europe during the last decade”**

Chair: **Ms. Thoraya A. Obaid**, Executive Director, UNFPA

Speakers: **Mr. David Coleman**, Professor of Demography, University of Oxford

**Ms. Ursula Haubner**, Secretary of State, Federal Ministry for Social Security, Generations and Consumer Protection, Austria

Afternoon session: 15.00 – 18.00

**Panel discussion: “Global population and development trends: the European view”**

Chair: **Ambassador Walter Fust**, Director General, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

Panellists: **Ms. Thoraya A. Obaid**, Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund, New York, USA

**Mr. Karel van Kesteren**, Director, UN and International Financial Institutions, Ministry for Development Cooperation, The Netherlands

**Dr. Wolfgang Bichmann**, KfW Development Bank, Germany

**Dr. Aikan Akanov**, Director General, National Centre of Problems of Healthy Style of Life, Almati, Kazakhstan

**Ms. Jill Sheffield**, President, Family Care International, New York, USA

Authors of backgrounds papers:

**Ms. Vicky Claeys** and **Eef Wuyts**, International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network, Brussels, Belgium

**Mr. Joerg Maas** and **Christian Resch**, Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung, Hannover, Germany

**Mr. Tomas Frejka**, International Consultant, USA

*Tuesday 13 January 2004*

Morning session: 10.00 – 13.00

**Panel discussion: “Childbearing and parenting in low fertility countries: enabling choices”**

Chair: **Mr. Steven Sinding**, Director General, International Planned Parenthood Federation

Panellists: **Ms. Kathleen Kiernan**, Professor, Department of Social Policy, London School of Economics and Political Science

**Mr. Christian Jacob**, Secretary for the Family, Ministry of Health, Family and Older Persons, France

**Ms. Arni Hole**, Director General, Ministry of Children and Family Affairs, Norway

**Ms. Nada Stopnik**, Senior Researcher, Institute for Economic Research, Slovenia

**Ms. Christine McCafferty**, Member of Parliament, House of Commons, United Kingdom

Authors of backgrounds papers:

**Mr. Francesco Billari**, Associate Professor of Demography, Università Bocconi, Milan, Italy

**Ms. Anne Gauthier**, Professor in Comparative Public Policy, University of Calgary, Canada

Afternoon session: 15.00 – 18.00

**Panel discussion: “Morbidity, mortality and reproductive health: Facing challenges in transition countries”**

Chair: **Ms. Lynette Lowndes**, Head, European Department, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Panellists: **Ms. Valentina Leskaj**, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, Albania

**Ms. Ellen Nolte**, Lecturer in Public Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom

**Mr. Vladimir Shkolnikov**, Head, Data Laboratory, Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Germany

**Dr. Gunta Lazdane**, Regional Adviser, Reproductive Health and Research, WHO Regional Office for Europe, Denmark

**Mr. Dominic Haazen**, Health Program Team Leader, World Bank, Latvia Office

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**Ms. Ellen Nolte, Mr. Martin McKee and Ms. Anna Gilmore**, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom

**Ms. Florina Serbanescu, Mr. Howard Goldberg and Mr. Leo Morris**, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, USA

*Wednesday 14 January 2004*

Morning session: 10.00 – 13.00

**Panel discussion: “International migration: promoting management and integration”**

Chair: **Mr. Brunson McKinley**, Director General, International Organization for Migration

Panellists: **Mr. Peter J. Van Krieken**, Special Advisor, Ministry of Justice, The Netherlands

**Mr. Martin Baldwin-Edwards**, Co-Director, Mediterranean Migration Observatory, Athens, Greece

**Mr. Jonas Widgren**, Director General, International Centre for Migration Policy Development, Vienna, Austria

**Ms. Rosaline Frith**, Director General Integration, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Canada

**Mr. Dominik Langenbacher**, Delegate for Migration Dialogue, Federal Office for Refugees, Switzerland

Authors of backgrounds papers:

**Mr. Thomas K. Bauer, Mr. John P. Haisken-DeNew and Mr. Christoph M. Schmidt**, Ruhr University, Germany

**Mr. Rinus Penninx**, Professor & Scientific Director, Institute for Migration and Ethic Studies, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Afternoon session: 15.00 – 16.30

**Keynote addresses: “Policy challenges of Europe’s demographic changes: cross-cutting issues“**

Chair: **Ms. Janina Jozwiak**, President, European Association of Population Studies

Speakers: **Mr. Jérôme Vignon**, Director, Social Protection and Social Integration, DG Employment and Social Affairs, European Commission, Belgium

**Mr. Paul Demeny**, Distinguished Scholar, Population Council, New York, USA

Afternoon session: Closing Ceremony: 16.30 – 17.30

Chair: **Ms. Brigita Schmögnerová**, Executive Secretary, UNECE

Statements by the Director General of the Swiss Federal Statistical Office, the Executive Director of UNFPA, the Director General of IPPF, a Representative of the European Commission and the Council of Europe and the President of EAPS.