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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the UNECE Regional Conference on ICPD beyond 2014^{1 2}

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, beginning on Monday, 1 July 2013 at 9.30 a.m.

I. Introduction

1. United Nations General Assembly resolution 65/234 on the follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014 (ICPD Beyond 2014), mandated the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), in consultation with Member States and in cooperation with the regional commissions and other relevant organizations, to undertake an operational review of the implementation of the Programme of Action (PoA) agreed by the International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo in 1994. In response to this resolution, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and UNFPA will organize a joint high-level Regional Conference, "Enabling Choices: Population Priorities for the 21st Century". The Conference will be the concluding event of the review of the implementation of ICPD PoA in the UNECE region and will highlight priorities for future action. The regional report, based on the results of a

¹ All Delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations are requested to complete the registration form available from the web page of the High Level Regional Conference on the United Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) website (<http://www.unece.org/icpd-2014/unece-regional-conference.html>) and to transmit it to the Population Unit secretariat, at the latest two weeks prior to the meeting, either by fax to +41 22 917 0040 or by e-mail to pau@unece.org. 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). A map is available on the ECE website (http://www.unece.org/meetings/UN_Map.pdf).

² This document has been submitted after the official documentation deadline due to necessary consultations.

survey conducted in 2012, will be launched at the Conference and will provide the basis for debate.

II. Provisional agenda

- A. High-level plenary session
 - 1. Official opening of the Conference
 - 2. Election of officers and adoption of the agenda
 - 3. Keynote address
 - 4. Address by the Youth representative
 - 5. Report on the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action in the UNECE region and brief report on the results of the ICPD beyond 2014 global survey.
- B. Thematic sessions
 - 6. Population Dynamics and Sustainable Development
 - 7. Families, Sexual and Reproductive Health over the Life Course
 - 8. Inequalities, Social Inclusion and Rights.
- C. Panel discussion “Partnership and International Cooperation”
- D. Closing plenary session of the Conference

III. Annotations

A. High-level plenary session

1. Official opening of the Conference

2. The Executive Secretary of UNECE and the Deputy Executive Director of UNFPA will make opening statements.

2. Election of officers and adoption of the agenda

Documentation: Annotated provisional agenda for the Regional Conference (*ECE/AC.27/2013/1*)

3. The Conference will elect a Chair and one or more Vice-Chairs and will designate a Rapporteur of the Conference.

4. The elected Chair will make introductory remarks and ask the Conference to adopt the agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda.

5. The Conference will adopt the agenda.

3. Keynote address

6. Former President of Finland, H.E. Tarja Halonen, will deliver a keynote address.

4. Address by the Youth representative

7. The topic of the Youth representative's address to the Conference will be 'Youth vision and development priorities for the region'.

5. Report on implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action in the UNECE region and brief report on the results of the ICPD beyond 2014 global survey

Documentation: Report on the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action in the UNECE region: Executive summary (*ECE/AC.27/2013/3*)

8. The Secretariat will introduce the regional report on the implementation of the ICPD PoA. 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.

9. 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.

10. The UNFPA representative from the 'ICPD beyond 2014' Secretariat will brief the Conference on the results of the global survey conducted jointly with five regional commissions in 2012.

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

B. Thematic sessions

12. Thematic sessions will be moderated by the Conference Chair and Vice-chairs. The Rapporteur of the Conference will briefly summarize the discussion after each session. An invited keynote speaker and two discussants, 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 from a broad, forward-looking perspective.

13. This will be followed by statements and comments from Member States, researchers, NGO 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 May 2013 when the draft regional report on implementation of the ICPD PoA is sent out for electronic consultation.

14. 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 PoA during the last five to ten years, as well as priorities and considerations for future action in their country.

15. The Rapporteur will summarize the main points raised by the keynote speaker and discussants as well as speakers from the floor in a brief concluding statement.

6. Population Dynamics and Sustainable Development

16. The first thematic session will address the interrelations between demographic change, inclusive economic growth and sustainable development. Topics to be discussed will include: the shifts in the age structure of the region's population and the socioeconomic implications of such shifts; uneven gains in life expectancy and health status by country,

gender, level of education, and other characteristics; and the impact of international migration. By acknowledging investment in human capital as a driver of sustainable development, the session will focus on opportunities for a harmonious balance in the future between social, economic and environmental development centred on principles of human rights and equality.

7. Families, Sexual and Reproductive Health Over the Life Course

17. 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 persistent and emerging issues at the core of the ICPD PoA by addressing the diversity of family forms and the provision of socioeconomic support to the family, family health and 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; gender equality and intergenerational solidarity.

8. Inequalities, Social Inclusion and Rights

18. The third thematic session is expected to centre on inequity and vulnerable population groups, as well as the factors that contribute to the formation or alleviation of these inequities. These issues will be discussed in relation to population dynamics and development, sexual and reproductive health and gender equality, and women's empowerment. Rising inequalities and the lasting impact of the recent economic downturn and fiscal austerity measures introduced in many UNECE countries will also be addressed. Special attention will be given to policies and mechanisms that foster social inclusion, and to the importance of gender equality and the empowerment of women.

C. Panel discussion “Partnership and International Cooperation”

19. The panel will be composed of high-level government officials and representatives of the European Parliamentary Forum and civil society. A rapporteur will be designated for the panel.

20. Following the introduction of panellists by the moderator, a keynote speaker will address the Conference. This will be followed by interventions from other panellists, up to ten minutes each. In the remaining time, delegates will be encouraged to engage in discussion. The panel's Rapporteur will summarize the main points raised by the keynote speaker and discussants in a brief concluding statement.

21. The panel, with a focus on the complexity of the 21st century architecture for development cooperation in the area of population and development, is expected to discuss the renewal of commitments and emerging donors in the UNECE region for funding the ICPD PoA; it will also address the issue of domestic funding for the promotion of the ICPD beyond 2014 agenda.

D. Closing plenary session of the Conference

Documentation: Chair's summary (*draft ECE/AC.27/2013/4*)

22. The Chair of the Conference will summarize the results of the Conference and circulate them in the form of a Chair's summary.

IV. Tentative timetable

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>
Monday, 1st July 2013	
High-level segment	
9:30 – 10:00	Item 1: Opening with official addresses
10:00 – 10:10	Item 2: Election of officers and adoption of the agenda
10:10 – 10:40	Item 3: Keynote address
10:40 – 11:00	Item 4: Address by the Youth representative
11:00 – 11:45	Item 5: Report on the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action in the UNECE region and brief report on the results of the ICPD beyond 2014 global survey
11:45 – 12:30	Discussion: comments by Member States, experts, civil society
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch break
	Item 6: First thematic session “Population Dynamics and Sustainable Development”
14:30 – 15:00	Keynote presentation
15:00 – 15:30	Two discussant interventions
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:20	Discussion: comments by Member States, experts, civil society
17:20 – 17:30	Rapporteur’s summary
17:30	Closing of the first day
Tuesday, 2 July 2013	
	Item 7: Second thematic session “Families, Sexual and Reproductive Health Over the Life Course”
09:30 – 10:00	Keynote presentation
10:00 – 10:30	Two discussant interventions
10:30 – 11:40	Discussion: comments by Member States, experts, civil society
11:40 – 11:50	Rapporteur’s summary
	Item 8:

Third thematic session “Inequalities, Social Inclusion and Rights”

11:50 – 12:20

Keynote presentation

12:20 – 14:30

Lunch break/Panel discussion

Lunch Panel discussion: Partnership and International Cooperation

13:00 – 13:25

Keynote address

13:25 – 13:55

Discussion by panellists

13:55 – 14:20

Discussion and comments from the audience

14:20 – 14:30

Rapporteur’s summary

Item 8:

Third thematic session “Inequalities, Social Inclusion and Rights” (continued)

14:40 – 15:00

Two discussant interventions

15:00 – 16:10

Discussion: comments by Member States, experts, civil society

16:10 – 16:20

Rapporteur’s summary

16:20 – 16:50

Coffee break

Closing plenary session

16:50 – 17:20

Chair’s summary

17:20 – 17:30

Closing remarks

17:30

Closing of the Conference
