

Regional Meeting
Enhancing Capacity for the Integration of the ICPD Agenda into SDG Adaptation and Review Processes in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Geneva, 2-4 November, 2016
Palais des Nations, Room XXV

Background and meeting objectives:

During the UNECE Regional ICPD Conference *Enabling Choices: Population Priorities for the 21st Century*, held in Geneva on 1-2 July 2013, Member States outlined a set of policy directions and priority actions to ensure the effective implementation of the ICPD PoA in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. The Regional Conference Chair's Summary and the UNECE Regional Report on ICPD beyond 2014 identified several priority actions in the areas of Population Dynamics and Sustainable Development; Families, Sexual and Reproductive Health over the Life Course; Inequalities, Social Inclusion and Rights; and Partnership and International Cooperation. It further called for the integration of the policy directions and priority actions in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In September 2015, the world leaders agreed on a transformative agenda for people, planet, and prosperity called the 2030 Agenda and a set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Sustainable Development Goals are aspirational in nature, and attempt to achieve universal progress on three main and inter-linked pillars of sustainable development, including economic growth, social justice, and environmental sustainability, by leaving no one behind. Accurate, disaggregated data that is compiled from subnational to national levels will provide a clear picture of the journey ahead in advancing sustainable development and the betterment of people— especially the most vulnerable and marginalized population - across and within nations.

Streamlining the efforts for stronger synergies between SDGs and ICPD, UNFPA and UNECE will co-organize an ***Eastern Europe and Central Asia Regional Meeting - Enhancing capacity for the Integration of the ICPD agenda into SDGs adaptation and review processes*** to be held on 2-4 November 2016 in Geneva at the Palais des Nations, room XXV. The meeting aims to: a) identify the linkages and complementarity between the 2030 Agenda and ICPD beyond 2014 UNECE Regional outcomes; b) take stock of the ICPD related indicators that countries have considered; c) provide technical guidance on how to collect/standardise/harmonise / disaggregate each of these indicators, and review their current availability and data collection practices and options; d) share national, regional and global experience, including for data production and analyses at national and regional levels as well as the HLPF national voluntary reviews; and e) discuss streamlining national, regional and global review and follow up processes for an adequate synchronization between the HLPF, ECOSOC subsidiary bodies (CPD, CSW)

and UNECE. Over the course of the three day meeting, suggestions on areas that need further support will also be highlighted, including the regional ICPD monitoring framework to prepare for the 5-year ICPD review meeting in 2018.

Participants:

The meeting will bring together representatives from Governments, National and Regional Statistical Institutions, UNECE, UNFPA and other UN partners. The cost of travel/DSA will be covered by UNFPA's Eastern Europe and Central Asia Regional Office.

National: One representative of National Statistical Office, and one national partner either from the relevant line ministry, other national agency or the national SDGs focal point with decision making power best ensure integration of ICPD indicators into SDGs nationalization process.

Regional: EUROSTAT, CIS STAT, CES co-chairs, PARIS 21, OHCHR, UNICEF, UNDP, UNAIDS, WHO, UN Women, CSOs, Regional partners.

UNECE: Office of the Executive Secretary, Statistical Division.

UNFPA: Technical Division and Division of Governmental and Multilateral Affairs, Brussels Office, Geneva Office, EECARO, EECA Country Offices.

Structure of the meeting:

The meeting will be held in English with simultaneous translation in Russian language.

Day one will be devoted to discuss ICPDb2014 regional trends and related SDG indicators, country presentations on voluntary review and reporting at HLPF in July 2016 and related data production and analyses, country priorities in the context of SDGs, ICPD and other frameworks.

Day two will provide an opportunity for in-depth expert discussions on the ICPD related indicators that countries have considered, provide technical guidelines on how to collect / standardize / harmonize / disaggregate each of these indicators, and review their current availability and data collection practices and options. Harmonization of data collection methods (census, surveys, and administrative data) to enhance comparability of SDG indicators will also be addressed.

Day three will be devoted to sharing experience in integrating ICPD agenda into National Sustainable Development Plans and capacity development needs for monitoring and reporting on ICPDb2014 related SDG indicators. Moreover, participants will discuss how to streamline national, regional and global processes and how to synchronize the outcome of each of these processes so that they feed with each other. The participants will discuss evolving partnership opportunities in the region and opportunities to contribute to integration of ICPD-related indicators at global and regional SDG related fora including Regional Forum on Sustainable Development.