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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Organization of work of the session

Note by the Secretariat

1. The draft organization of work of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on Population and Development, which is contained in the annex to the present note, has been prepared in order to facilitate the Commission's consideration of the items included in the agenda for the session, given the time and conference services that have been allocated to it. The annotated provisional agenda for the session is contained in document [E/CN.9/2021/1](#).
2. The modalities on the arrangements for the work of the Commission are specific to the fifty-fourth session only and have been prepared taking into account the limitations and restrictions resulting from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. In-person meetings are to be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. In principle, virtual meetings with remote interpretation, which will be limited to two hours, are to be held during the working hours of in-person meetings.
3. Given the evolving situation in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, there remains the need for a flexible approach that would allow the Bureau, in consultation with the membership of the Commission, to make adjustments during the session.

* [E/CN.9/2021/1](#).



Annex

Draft organization of work, 19–23 April 2021

| <i>Date/time</i> | <i>Agenda item/programme/documentation</i> |
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| Monday, 19 April | |
| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. (in-person) | 1. Election of officers 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters Provisional agenda and organization of work (E/CN.9/2021/1 ; E/CN.9/2021/L.1) Opening statements Keynote address |
| 3–4 p.m. (virtual) | 3. General debate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development at the global, regional and national levels (b) Population, food security, nutrition and sustainable development Expert panel, followed by interactive debate, on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Report of the Secretary-General on population, food security, nutrition and sustainable development (E/CN.9/2021/2) (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of population programmes, focusing on population, food security, nutrition and sustainable development (E/CN.9/2021/3) (c) Report of the Secretary-General on the flow of financial resources for assisting in the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (E/CN.9/2021/4) |
| 4–5 p.m. (virtual) | 3. (<i>continued</i>) Statements in the general discussion |
| Tuesday, 20 April | |
| 10–11.30 a.m. (virtual) | High-level panel on the road towards the United Nations Food Systems Summit in 2021 |
| 11.30 a.m.–noon (virtual) | 3. (<i>continued</i>) Statements in the general discussion |
| 3–5 p.m. (virtual) | 3. (<i>continued</i>) Statements in the general discussion |
| Wednesday, 21 April | |
| 10–11.30 a.m. (virtual) | Multi-stakeholder panel on population, food security, nutrition and sustainable development, followed by interactive debate |

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| 11.30 a.m.–noon (virtual) | 3. (<i>continued</i>) Statements in the general discussion |
| 3–5 p.m. (virtual) | 3. (<i>continued</i>) Statements in the general discussion |
| Thursday, 22 April | |
| 10–11 a.m. (virtual) | 4. Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population Expert panel on the programme of work in population, followed by interactive debate (a) Report of the Secretary-General on programme implementation and progress of work in the field of population in 2020: Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (E/CN.9/2021/5) (b) Note by the Secretariat on the programme plan for 2021 and programme performance for 2019: subprogramme 5, Population, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs ^a |
| 11 a.m.–noon (virtual) | 3. (<i>continued</i>) Statements in the general discussion |
| 3–5 p.m. (virtual) | 5. Future role and organization of the Commission on Population and Development Conference room paper on the future role and organization of the Commission on Population and Development |
| Friday, 23 April | |
| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. (in-person) | Action on draft proposals ^b 6. Provisional agenda for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission Note by the Secretariat containing the provisional agenda for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission (E/CN.9/2021/L.2) 7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-fourth session <i>Closure of the session</i> ^c |

^a The preparation of the proposed programme budget for 2022 is scheduled to be finalized in the first half of 2021.

^b The deadline for the submission of draft proposals is 3 p.m. on 15 April 2021.

^c In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2005/213, the Commission, immediately following the closure of the fifty-fourth session, will hold the first meeting of its fifty-fifth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council.