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# COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT (CPD)



## Advises ECOSOC

The CPD advises ECOSOC on:

- Population issues and trends
- Population and development policies and programmes
- Integration of population and development policies into national planning strategies
- Capacity development

## Monitors the ICPD Programme of Action

Recent work to monitor implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action includes renewed political commitment through the thirtieth-anniversary declaration and subsequent CPD deliberations, which produced a [Declaration](#) and a Chair's summary transmitted to ECOSOC. The Commission also relied on the SG Report assessing implementation as the principal benchmark for reviewing progress. To strengthen monitoring, the Population Division has launched the 14<sup>th</sup> UN Inquiry, covering ageing, urbanization, fertility and reproductive health, and international migration. This instrument serves as a standardized tool for assessing national implementation. Evidence from expert group meetings and CPD panel discussions further informed the Commission's review, offering concrete recommendations on how population and development policies can advance the SDGs. In addition, a suite of policy briefs and analytical products provided synthesized evidence on achievements and gaps, supporting Member States' deliberations on PoA implementation.



## Reviews the implementation of selected Sustainable Development Goals

The CPD reviews of SDGs draw on studies and technical evidence that highlight interlinkages between the ICPD Programme of Action and the goals under review in 2025, including SDG3 (health), SDG5 (gender equality), SDG10 (inequalities) and SDG17 (partnerships and data). Evidence used in these reviews includes migration-related indicators that connect SDG10 and SDG17; updated family-planning data underlying SDG3.7.1 and universal health-coverage tracers; and global maternal and child mortality estimates that serve both SDG and ICPD monitoring frameworks. CPD panel discussions have also provided concrete guidance on how population dynamics, reproductive health, gender equality and data systems drive progress on the SDGs. A dedicated series of [CPD 59 expert consultations](#) held in October 2025 will inform the 2026 special theme on population, technology and research.

## Focuses on demographic evidence base

The Commission grounds its work in authoritative demographic evidence produced by the Population Division, including the World Population Prospects 2024, which provides updated global, regional and national population estimates and projections, as well as analyses of fertility decline, population ageing and long-term growth trajectories. Evidence considered by the Commission also includes new estimates and projections of family-planning indicators; updated data on adolescent fertility; international migration indicators and the [World Urbanization Prospects 2025: Summary of Results](#) report and dataset. These datasets and analytical products feed directly into Member States' deliberations on demographic trends and their social and economic impacts.



## The fifty-eighth session of the Commission

58<sup>th</sup>  
Session

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Ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages

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### Key Messages

- » Progress towards universal health coverage (UHC) has stalled.
- » Universal access to sexual and reproductive healthcare and services is critical.
- » Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are the leading global health challenge.
- » Mental health should have a higher priority.
- » Maternal and child health gains have slowed down.
- » Healthy ageing requires a life-course approach.
- » Digital health and data-driven decision-making can transform healthcare.

## The fifty-ninth session of the Commission

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At its fifty-ninth session in 2026, the CPD will discuss the special theme “Population, technology and research in the context of sustainable development”. The theme will include the following topics:

- » **Technology and development:** Emerging technologies like AI and biotechnology are accelerating progress on population and health goals under the ICPD framework.
- » **Data innovations:** Digital, geospatial, and big data tools are improving the quality and use of population data for informed, evidence-based policymaking.
- » **Health technologies:** Advances in digital and medical technology are enhancing reproductive, maternal, child, and older-person health across all stages of life.
- » **Technology supports migration management and sustainable cities.** Digital tools enhance migration research, facilitate remittances, improve urban planning, and support climate-resilient, data-driven development.



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