

UNECE Regional Conference

# Enabling Choices: Population Priorities for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

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The Regional Conference will be the culmination of the ongoing 'ICPD Beyond 2014' process in the UNECE region comprising Europe, Central Asia and North America. An extensive survey carried out among UNECE member States has gathered evidence about progress and challenges in implementing the Programme of Action adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) which took place in 1994 in Cairo.

The ICPD was a turning point in the approach of policy-makers to population issues, placing the needs and rights of the individual at the heart of development policies and establishing firm links between population, development and human rights, health and gender equality.

Based on the outcomes of the regional review, the report of which will be launched at the conference, over 200 high-level experts from governments, members of parliaments, researchers on population issues, civil society and youth representatives will discuss strategies for action beyond 2014. They will assess the progress made towards achieving the Cairo goals, identify neglected areas and discuss future policy directions to accelerate implementation and reduce inequalities. This discussion is expected to feed into the post-2015 UN development agenda.

Thematic sessions:

- Population Dynamics and Sustainable Development
- Families, Sexual and Reproductive Health over the Life Course
- Inequalities, Social Inclusion and Rights
- Panel session on Partnership and International Cooperation

A civil society meeting 'ICPD Beyond 2014 – From Promise to Action, CSOs Defining the Way Forward' organized by the International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network will take place on 3-4 July, 2013.

Registration and more information:  
<http://www.unece.org/icpd-2014/unece-regional-conference.html>