






BIOGRAPHIES OF EXPERTS



Dr. Leticia Adelaide Appiah is a Medical Doctor and Executive Director of the National Population Council. In this capacity, she is among the highest-ranking public servants and advises the government on effective population management for sustainable national development. Dr. Appiah is a product of Donetsk Medical School in Ukraine and alumna (Hubert Humphry Fellow) of Emory University, Atlanta - USA. She has Masters in Public Health with specialization in epidemiology and preventive medicine as well as PhD in Public Health with specialization in Population, Family and Reproductive Health, both from the University of Ghana. Dr. Appiah is a recipient of many local and international awards including The Order of the Volta award for outstanding services to the government and people of Ghana (2023) and an Honorary Fellow of Professor Fred Sai Institute for her contribution in Reproductive Health Rights in Ghana and beyond.



Maruja MB Asis is Director of the Scalabrini Migration Center and Editor of the *Asian and Pacific Migration Journal*. She is a sociologist with more than 30 years of research experience on international migration and social transformation with a special focus on the Asian region. Her research and publications explore the themes of gender, family and migration; migration and development; and migration governance.

	<p>Deborah Balk is Professor of Public Affairs in the Marxe School of Public and International Affairs at Baruch College and at the Graduate Center at the City University of New York and Director of the CUNY Institute of Demographic Research (CIDR). She was a 2016 Andrew Carnegie Fellow. She is an expert on population-climate interactions. Using a spatial demographic lens, she studies a wide range of demographic and health outcomes, poverty and vulnerability. She is a pioneer in the spatial modelling of urbanization, and was the lead developer of the Global Rural Urban Mapping Project (GRUMP) and co-developer of the first global Low Elevation Coastal Zone (LECZ) data sets, which allowed for the estimation of urban population at risk of climate-change hazards. She has published widely on the global, national, and local scales. She currently serves as Co-Chair on the New York City Panel on Climate Change's 4th Assessment, a member of Society and Economy Working Group of the New York State Climate Impacts Assessment, a member of the US Census Bureau's Scientific Advisory Committee, and a member of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Population. She received her PhD in Demography from UC Berkeley and a Master's in Public Policy from the University of Michigan.</p>
	<p>Lina Bassarsky is Population Affairs Officer in the Population Division of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Over her career in the Division she has worked on population estimates and projections and contributed to numerous publications on population issues, including global population growth and demographic trends, mortality, and urbanization. Lina holds a PhD in Human Sciences and Demography from Paris X-Nanterre University. Prior to joining the United Nations, she worked on international migration, survey design and census data assessment, and collaborated in research on and ageing in Spain, France and Argentina.</p>
	<p>Jean-Christophe Dumont has been the Head of the International Migration Division in the Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD since 2011. He joined the OECD Secretariat in 2000 to work on international migration issues. He oversees the OECD annual flagship publication on migration; International Migration Outlook and numerous publications on the economic impact of international migration, as well as on migration management and the labour market integration of immigrants and their children in OECD countries. He has also worked on migration and development issues and on the international mobility of health workers. He holds a PhD in development economics from the University Paris IX-Dauphine and was a research fellow at Laval University, Quebec, Canada.</p>



H.E. Ms. Noemí Espinoza Madrid is Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Honduras to the United Nations. She has over 25 years of experience working on political advice, advocacy, partnerships, and strategic guidance for top level government and intergovernmental organizations, mostly at the United Nations. She has been a leader in intergovernmental negotiations both as an Ambassador and a UN advisor. She is known for establishing and galvanizing partnerships with civil society and governments to advocate for human rights and for political, economic, and cultural justice. She is a sought out lecturer for academic conferences and universities. She began her diplomatic career in the Honduran Consulate in New York City in 1996. She has served in various capacities at the Permanent Mission of Honduras and has a long career in the United Nations Secretariat, where she has been a Senior Advisor to the United Nations President of the General Assembly and Special Advisor to the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth. Ambassador Espinoza Madrid holds two M.A.s. one in Economics from Vanderbilt University and a second one in Politics from The New School.



Stuart Gietel-Basten is professor of social science at Khalifa University, UAE. His research focuses on the causes and consequences of low fertility, primarily in Asia. He has published three books on family and social demography, as well as numerous articles on the subject. He has worked with various international organisations on population issues.



Silvia E. Giorguli is a sociologist and demographer, and she has been president of El Colegio de México since 2015. She studied a B.A. in Sociology at the National University (UNAM) and she got a Master in Demography at El Colegio de México. In 2004 she earned her PhD in Sociology from Brown University. She has been Professor at El Colegio de México since 2003. In her demographic research, she has concentrated in three main research lines: (i) international migration in the Americas; (ii) transitions to adulthood in Mexico and Latin America; (iii) the intersection between demographic dynamics, education and public policies. Most of her publications in books, chapters and journal articles concentrate in these three areas. Most recently, she participated as senior expert advisor to the *State of World Population Report 2023*.

	<p>Giulia Gonnella is an Associate Population Affairs Officer in the Population Division of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. She initially joined the division in 2019 as a JPO in the Population Estimates and Projection Section, where she participated to the preparation of the 2022 revision of the World Population Prospects. Later she moved to the Population Data Unit, where she contributed to the work on family planning, and currently is part of the Fertility and Population Ageing Section. Prior to DESA, she was a consultant in the Economic Statistics Team in FAO Statistics Division, where she was responsible for the statistical process of Government Expenditure on Agriculture data and the compilation of SDG indicator 2.a.1 – the Agriculture Orientation Index for Government Expenditure. She holds a Master in Statistics and Demography from La Sapienza University in Rome, Italy.</p>
	<p>José Miguel Guzman, Ph.D., is a recognized world leader in the field of population dynamics and international development, with numerous publications and extensive experience in data production and analysis, research, and policy development in the areas of demographic dynamics, aging, population and climate change, sexual and reproductive health, including family planning and adolescent health. He has worked with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Demographic and Health Surveys Program (DHS). During the last years, he has provided technical support to several Caribbean countries in the development of new frameworks for their national population policies to deal with the low fertility and population decline in these countries. He authored one of the chapters of the recent publication ‘International Handbook of Population Policies’, published in 2022 and edited by John May and Jack Goldstone, on the issues of Population Policies in Latin America and the Caribbean. He was named Laureate of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) in 2017 and was awarded with a Diplôme d’Honneur en Démographie in 2010 by the University of Montreal, where he obtained his Doctorate in Demography. Between 2010-2016, he was a member of the Global Agenda Council on Population Growth of the World Economic Forum. Currently, he is President and Founder of NoBrainerData, an international data consulting firm, and Invited Professor and Researcher at El Colegio de México.</p>



Dr. Karen Hardee, a social demographer for over 30 years and currently president of Hardee Associates, is expert in reproductive health and rights-based programming; gender; population, development and climate change. She has been principal investigator on policy and programmatic studies and evidence syntheses and is a member of many advisory committees. She was previously director of the Evidence Project at the Population Council, a USAID-funded project using implementation science to strengthen Family Planning/Reproductive Health Programming. She has also been director, Center for Research and Evaluation at the Futures Group (now Palladium), visiting senior fellow at Population Reference Bureau, vice president for Research at PAI, senior advisor at John Snow, Inc., principal research scientist at Family Health International (now FHI 360), and presidential management fellow at USAID and the U.S. Bureau of the Census. She has consulted with UNFPA among other development organizations. Dr. Hardee has worked globally, most intensively in Asia, Africa and the Caribbean. Dr. Hardee holds a Ph.D. from Cornell University's Population and Development Program and has published extensively.



Sabine Henning, Chief, Sustainable Demographic Transition Section, Social Development Division, UN-ESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand Ms. Henning leads work on population and development, including research, capacity-building and intergovernmental support at UN-ESCAP. Substantive foci include ageing, migration, youth and overall population and development interactions. From 2015 to 2018, she was Senior Population Affairs Officer, Office of the Director, Population Division, UN-DESA. From 2000 to 2015, she served in the Division's Population Estimates and Projections Section, the Population and Development Section, the Migration Section and the Population Policy Section. Ms. Henning has been involved in UN interagency work and coordination for over 17 years and has supported capacity-building of member States throughout Asia and the Pacific. She co-authored UN reports, such as the Asia-Pacific Report on Population Ageing 2022 and the Asia-Pacific Migration Report 2020, published in peer-reviewed journals, and serviced numerous intergovernmental meetings and high-level events at UN Headquarters and ESCAP. Currently she leads the preparations for the Seventh Asian and Pacific Population Conference which will provide the Asia-Pacific input to the 30-year review of the Programme of Action of the ICPD. Ms. Henning has a Ph.D. in Geography with a doctoral-level certificate in Demography from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and a graduate-level certificate in Strategic Management from Harvard University.




Bela Hovy is both a humanitarian and population and development expert, who has worked for the United Nations on three continents for over three decades. In Cameroun, he trained graduate students at a demographic research center. In Geneva, he developed a system for refugee statistics for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Since 2006, Mr. Hovy has been working in the Population Division of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs in New York. For over a decade, he was Chief of the Migration Section. He currently serves as Chief of the Population Trends and Analysis Branch and is Officer-in-Charge of the Publications, Outreach and Support Unit.

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Dr. Priscilla Idele is the Chief of the Population and Development Branch at UNFPA in New York. Before this role, she was a Principal Adviser in the United Nations Executive Office of the Secretary-General in New York, where she led the re-establishment of the SG's Scientific Advisory Board, planned and convened the Secretary-General's Transforming Education Summit, and supported high-level events for data advocacy, investments, and partnerships. From 2005 to 2021, Priscilla served in various roles at UNICEF, including Deputy Director of the UNICEF Office of Research in Florence, Italy, and Global Chief of Data and Analytics at UNICEF in New York. Priscilla has spent over 30 years in high level global policy advocacy and national programme design, data and evidence generation, and monitoring and accountability mechanisms for global and national commitments, focusing on child, adolescent and women's rights and development, and gender equality. She is a recipient of the International AIDS Society (IAS) Prize for Excellence in research related to children affected by HIV/AIDS. Priscilla holds a Ph.D. in Social Statistics from the University of Southampton, United Kingdom, a Master's in Population Studies, and a Bachelor of Business Education from Nairobi, Kenya.

	<p>Kristen Jeffers is an Associate Population Affairs Officer in the Population Unit of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, contributing to the unit's work on population ageing, gender, and population and development. Her professional focus has been population data and demographic analysis, working previously in the Social and Demographic Statistics section of UNECE and for the IPUMS population data infrastructure project based at the University of Minnesota.</p>
	<p>Yumiko Kamiya is a Population Affairs Officer at the United Nations' Department of Economic and Social Affairs since 2012. She specializes in demographic analysis, data analysis, survey methodology, program evaluation, and capacity building. With international experience in Asia, Europe (including CIS countries), Latin America, and sub-Saharan African countries, she has published extensively on population dynamics, population ageing, population policies, life course epidemiology, social gradients in health, and mental health.</p>
	<p>Dr. Ana Langer joined the Harvard School of Public Health in July 2010 as a Professor of the Practice of Public Health (Department of Global Health and Population), and Director of the Women and Health Initiative. Dr. Langer, a physician specializing in pediatrics and neonatology and a reproductive health expert, has conducted research in low and middle-income countries and published extensively on maternal health; unsafe abortion; contraception; strategies to improve quality of reproductive health care; sex, gender and the health of women, with a special focus on Covid 19; the impact of the pandemic on maternal and perinatal health, and maternal health in humanitarian settings. Along her career, Dr. Langer has conducted extensive research and worked effectively on the translation of scientific evidence into policy and programs in her field in all three major developing regions and currently also in the USA.</p>



Raya Muttarak is currently Professor of Demography at the Department of Statistical Sciences at the University of Bologna, Italy. She is a principal investigator of the ERC consolidator grant project POPCLOMA "Population Dynamics under Global Climate Change" (grant agreement number: 101002973). In 2021, she was the director of the Population and Just Societies Program at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA). In 2018-2020, she was a chair of the Population-Environment Research Network of the IUSSP. She currently serves as an editor of *Population and Development Review* and an editorial board member of *Population and Environment* and *Vienna Yearbook of Population Research*. Her main research areas include demographically differentiated vulnerability, looking at the differential impacts of natural hazards/climate change and the ability to respond and cope with consequences of extreme climate events. She has also worked on attitudes toward climate change, green voting and pro-environmental behaviours.



Olanrewaju Olaniyan is a Professor of Economics at the University of Ibadan. He has over 27 years of research, consulting, and tertiary teaching experience. He also has experience in social and economic policy works in developing countries through which he had been able to work with senior-level technocrats and officials. He was a member of the Academic Advisory Committee of the SDG Academy of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) from 2020 - 2021. He is a Council member of the National Transfer Account (NTA) Research network, University of Hawaii, USA, and has been conducting research into National transfer Accounts, demographic dividends, and generational economics since 2001. Since 2018, the Health Policy Training and Research Programme (HPTRP), University of Ibadan, which he leads had been an institutional partner of the UNFPA, Nigeria, examining Demographic Dividend Issues and how generational transfers affects different lifecycles of the Nigerian population. In 2021, he was named as one of the "100 Most Influential Civil Society Leaders" in Nigeria by the Nigeria Network of NGOs (NNGO) representing 3033 organizations, in recognition of his efforts into the growth of the non-profit sector, as well as inspiring the next generation of civil society leaders who are passionate about leading change and challenging the status quo.

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Professor Anne Margriet Pot has dedicated for over the past 35 years her work on improving the mental health and well-being of, and care and support for older people through research, education, clinical practice, policy and regulation. From 2014 till 2018, was posted in Geneva at the World Health Organisation (WHO), where she oversaw the WHO's work on the establishment of sustainable and equitable Long-Term-Care systems worldwide. Currently, she is strategic advisor Long-Term Care (LTC) at the Health and Youth Care Inspectorate, Ministry of Health, the Netherlands. She is endowed professor Regulation of person-centred LTC at the Erasmus University Rotterdam, and extraordinary professor at North West University, South Africa. She is chair of the Lancet commission Long-Term Care for Older Persons, President-elect of the International Psychogeriatric Association, and member of the World Health Organization's Global Network on Long-term Care.



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Barbara Seligman is senior vice president responsible for leading International Programs at the Population Reference Bureau, PRB. She has held executive and senior advisory roles with the U.S. government and nonprofit and for-profit global health and development firms, foundations, and think tanks. Barbara has advised more than 20 governments in low- and middle-income countries on health, reproductive health, and family planning policy. Following the Rose Revolution, she led a major health policy reform program, including developing an inaugural reproductive health policy in Tbilisi, Georgia. In the early 1990s, she assisted the Malagasy ICPD delegation in preparing its statement; later, she served as technical advisor to the U.S. government's delegation to ICPD plus ten and represented the U.S. at annual Committee on Population and Development meetings. Her current interests focus on the shifting composition of the global working-age population projected to occur over the next 30 or so years.



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	<p>Sandile Simelane is a Technical Specialist in the Population and Development Branch at UNFPA. Prior to joining the United Nations, he worked for Statistics South Africa for several years. He has also worked for the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) where he was Development Information Analyst and the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) where he was Senior Lecturer in the Graduate Program in Population Studies at the School of Development Studies. He holds a Ph.D. in Demography from the University of Pennsylvania (2007)</p>
	<p>Saurabh Sinha has a PhD from IDS Sussex and more than 25 years of economic research and policy advisory experience. As the Chief of Social Policy at the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) since 2015, Saurabh leads the Commission's work on poverty and inequality reduction, employment, social protection, demography, migration, health, education and youth in Africa. Recently, Saurabh was on secondment to UNDP as Head of Policy Unit in UNDP Afghanistan, where he led the research and analytical work in the Country Office to support policy engagement after August 2021. Saurabh has worked with UNDP in the Asia-Pacific region as Chief Technical Advisor in Viet Nam (2003-2005), Senior Economist in Mongolia (2011-2015), and with UN Mission in Afghanistan (2005-2007). He has been a consultant to UNDP in Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR and Sri Lanka; and Asian Development Bank, World Bank and bilateral donors. Saurabh is the lead author of a number of publications both in Africa and Asia-Pacific and at various times has taught development economics at Sussex University; National Economics University, Hanoi; and IIT, Delhi.</p>
	<p>Vegard Skirbekk is a Norwegian population economist and social scientist specializing in demographic analysis and cohort studies. He is a senior researcher at the Norwegian Institute of Public Health and also Professor of Population and Family Health at the Columbia Aging Center at Columbia University. He has published as a lead/senior author in journals such as Science and Demography; received larger grants, including from ERC and NIH. His research has received broad media attention across the world, including from New York Times, The Economist and Financial Times.</p>

	<p>Thomas Spoorenberg, Population Division, DESA, is currently temporary Chief of the Demographic Analysis Section, United Nations Population Division in New York.</p> <p>He has been with the United Nations since 2009, working mostly on population, urban and city estimates and projections. Thomas was also involved in various activities related to the World Population and Housing Census Programme while working with the United Nations Statistics Division. Before joining the United Nations in 2009, he worked at the University of Geneva and the National University of Mongolia.</p> <p>Thomas has developed methods and standards to assess population data quality and provided support to National Statistical Offices by conducting data analysis and building and strengthening technical and institutional capacity in various countries in Asia, Middle East, and sub-Saharan Africa.</p>
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	<p>Mr. John Wilmoth has been Director of the United Nations Population Division, within the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, since 2013. He worked previously for the Population Division as Chief of the Mortality Section from 2005 to 2007. He began his career in 1990 by teaching and conducting research at the University of California, Berkeley. Mr. Wilmoth was Professor at UC Berkeley through 2014 and is now Professor Emeritus in Berkeley's Department of Demography. He is the author or co-author of more than 50 scientific papers on various aspects of population dynamics. From 2009 to 2012, he was engaged as a consultant by the World Health Organization and the World Bank to lead the development of new maternal mortality estimates for the global monitoring of the Millennium Development Goals. He has also served on several expert panels convened by the U.S. Government or National Academy of Sciences.</p>
	<p>Professor Wei-Jun Jean Yeung is a Provost-Chair Professor in the Department of Sociology and Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine at the National University of Singapore (NUS). She is the inaugural President of the Population Association of Singapore and the founding Director of the Center for Family and Population Research at NUS. Yeung has received many prestigious awards and led national surveys on family and children's well-being in countries including the USA, China, and Singapore. Professor Yeung's current research includes various family demographic issues in Asia. She has published extensively in leading journals, cited widely in academic publications and high-impact global media, and served on the editorial boards of many leading international journals. Professor Yeung has consulted with United Nations and led national studies on family and children's well-being in the USA, China, and Singapore. She has published extensively in leading journals, cited widely in academic publications and high-impact global media, and served on the editorial boards of many leading international journals. Her recent publications include volumes on Family and Demographic Transition in Southeast Asia, Family and Population Changes in Singapore, Productive Aging, Young People in Uncertain Labor Markets, and Family Policies and Care Regime in Asia.</p>



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