ICPD 10th Anniversary Observance in Africa

Objectives, Processes and Modalities

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1 All information related to the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the DND/ICPD can be downloaded from the following address: http://www.uneca.org/POPIA
I Introduction

1. In recent years two population and development frameworks are in use in African countries i.e the Dakar/Ngor Declaration on Population, Family and Sustainable Development (DND) and the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). The DND which resulted from the Third African Population Conference (APC.3) held in Dakar, Senegal in December 1992 formed the basis of the African Common Position submitted to the ICPD (Cairo, 1994).

2. The year 2004 will mark the tenth anniversary of the ICPD i.e. ICPD+10 and, as mandated by the General Assembly of the United Nations, the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) will undertake, in collaboration with the UNFPA, a ten-year review of the implementation of the Programme of Action in the Africa region.

II. Assessment of Actions

3. The monitoring of the implementation of the recommendations of the ICPD on a regular basis has been predicated on the need for member States to learn from success stories and identify, early on, the problems and constraints that impede progress. Indeed, the factors that either promote or inhibit the implementation of the DND/ICPD recommendations, as identified from the various assessments undertaken at the global and regional levels have been shared with the Africa countries during the review meetings organized by ECA and through the associated reports which have been published and widely disseminated.

4. At the global level, the UN General Assembly undertook in 1999 a five-year review of the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action (ICPD+5), and adopted a set of Key Actions in support of the further implementation of the Programme

5. At the regional level, post-Cairo follow-up activities which have been undertaken by ECA in collaboration with OUA, ADB and UNFPA, the Organizations that were mandated to cooperate with the Commission in the activities of the Follow-up Committee include the following:

   (i) Organisation and servicing of a Workshop of Experts and NGOs to advise member States on the implementation of modalities for achieving the objectives of the DND/ICPD (Abidjan: 1995);

   (ii) Preparation and dissemination of Guidelines for the implementation of the DND/ICPD (Addis Ababa: 1996)

   (iii) Preparation of periodical progress reports on the implementation process at the national, regional and global levels and of studies and evaluation reports assessing factors and issues contributing to, or affecting the implementation of the two population and development frameworks (Addis Ababa: 1995, 1997, 1998, 2002);

Key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development – (document A/S-21/5/Add 1).

For more details on the findings of these assessments please refer to the website address referred to in footnote 1 above.
III Objectives of ICPD+10 in Africa

6. The present assessment is undertaken in observance of the 10th anniversary of ICPD. Like the one undertaken in the context of ICPD+5, it aims at reviewing African experiences in the implementation of the DND/ICPD and validate the various evaluation reports generated by the regional and sub-regional review process.

7. Specifically, the assessment aims at producing a Regional Evaluation Report on ICPD+10 as Africa's input to the global ten-year review and appraisal of the ICPD. The report will:

(a) Identify the facilitating and inhibiting factors regarding country implementation of the DND/ICPD goals;

(b) Compare the progress made across the different sub-regions in Africa;

(c) Document lessons learned and best practices in policy and programme interventions facilitating socio-economic change and demographic transition in African countries; and,

(d) Identify future activities to accelerate further implementation of the ICPD and ICPD+5 Key Actions in next decade.

IV. The review and validation process

8. The review and validation process as implied in the objectives of the assessment will take place during the review meetings programmed at the regional and sub-regional levels. The process will ensure that the regional and sub-regional evaluation reports address the priority challenges and issues in Africa and, that there is a consensus on the way forward for the further implementation of the Cairo Programme of Action and ICPD+5 Key Actions.

9. Accordingly, as a build-up to the Regional evaluation report on ICPD+10, a series of activities and consultations will be undertaken at national, sub-regional and regional levels, including the (i) analysis of data and information collected through a questionnaire and other in-country sources and best practices; (ii) organization of two sub-regional review meetings to review and validate the sub-regional evaluation reports; (iii) organization of the Fifth meeting of the Follow-up Committee to review and adopt the Regional Evaluation Report and the accompanying Statement on Population and Development; and eventually, (iv) submission of the Statement to a ministerial-level meeting for the formal adoption of the Regional Evaluation Report as Africa's input to ICPD+10.

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4 These activities are described in the work plan adopted by the Third Meeting of the Working Group (Dakar, January 2002) presented in the Annex 1.
10. Awareness will also be built on the ICPD+10 review process in Africa through the preparation and presentation of progress reports on ICPD+10 to relevant meetings, including UNFPA technical meetings, UAPS Population Conference, UN Commission on Population and Development, General Assembly of the African Population Conference, etc.

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4.1 The country level

11. All African countries are expected to designate an institution and/or establish a Steering Committee to coordinate the preparation of the country substantive input to ICPD+10, including the preparation and return of the UNFPA Field Inquiry questionnaire, the ECA country questionnaire and country evaluation report.

12. Each participating Government will also be required to nominate experts/policy makers/NGOs to present and discuss countries experiences in the implementation of the DND/ICPD at the sub-regional and regional consultations.

13. The country questionnaire: The questionnaire prepared by ECA complements the UNFPA Field Inquiry questionnaire and seeks quantitative data and information on important issues and concerns included in the DND such as the family, the refugees and the conflicts. The questionnaire covers the following 10 themes: Poverty, population, environment and sustainable development; Gender equality, equity and empowerment of women; The family, its roles, rights, composition and structure; Reproductive rights and reproductive health; HIV/AIDS; Population distribution, urbanization and migration; crisis situation and population consequences; Resource mobilization for the implementation of population policies and programmes; and, Factors affecting national implementation of the DND/ICPD recommendations and the ICPD+5 Key Actions.

14. The country report: The country report is designed to provide more qualitative information than the country questionnaire. It will report on the policy changes that have occurred since ICPD, document constraints encountered and success stories, identify priority issues and suggest future directions for the further implementation of the DND/ICDP in the following 8 areas: Population and poverty; Gender equality, equity and development; The family, its roles, rights, composition and structure; Children and youth; Reproductive rights and reproductive health; Demographic, economic and social impact of HIV/AIDS; Population distribution, urbanization and migration; Resource mobilization for the implementation of population policies and programmes.

15. Expected outcome from the review at the country level: 53 completed UNFPA Field Inquiry questionnaires; 53 completed ECA country questionnaires and, 53 country reports on the implementation of the DND/ICPD/ICPD+5 Key Actions. It is expected that data and information contained in these documents will permit a comprehensive review of the population and development situation in African countries based on the goals contained in the DND/ICPD i.e., to report as objectively as possible on national experiences in the implementation of the DND/ICPD and ICDP+5 Key Actions and suggest future directions for the further implementation of the DND/ICDP.

4.2 The Sub-regional level

16. The process at the sub-regional level will involve the preparation of two sub-regional evaluation reports on ICPD+10 and the organization of two sub-regional review meetings. The scope and theme of the sub-regional evaluation reports and the sub-regional review meetings
will be agreed upon at the forthcoming ECA/SROs/UNFPA Consultative meeting on ICPD+10, 25-27 August 2003, Addis Ababa.

17. **Two Sub-regional evaluation reports:** (one covering Central, Northern and Western Africa; one covering Eastern and Southern Africa): The two reports will be prepared by consultants before the sub-regional review meetings. They synthesize the findings from the analysis of the country reports, the ECA questionnaire and the UNFPA Field Inquiry and other available data and information. They will be reviewed by the concerned sub-regional review meeting and thereafter, revised by the consultants based on the discussions during the sub-regional review meetings. The reports will then be finalized to form the basis for the analysis of the sub-regional perspectives in the Regional evaluation report on ICPD+10. The final version of the two sub-regional evaluation reports will be sent (in both French and English) to end-users and will also serve as background document for the Fifth meeting of the Follow up Committee.

18. **Two Sub-regional review meetings:** To review the implementation of the DND/ICPD/ICPD+5 *Key Actions* at the regional level (constraints, achievements, best practices and perspectives) and serve as the consultative process to validate the two sub-regional evaluation reports.

19. The two sub-regional review meetings (3 days each and bilingual) will be organized as intergovernmental technical meetings during the last quarter of 2003, one by ECA/SDD in **Addis Ababa** and one by ECA/SRO-WA in **Niamey**. The meeting in Addis Ababa will cover Southern and Eastern Africa while the one in Niamey will cover Western, Central and Northern Africa. They will be organized jointly with the host country, other concerned ECA/SROs and UNFPA/CSTs. For the purpose of these meetings, UNFPA and ECA will constitute a Joint Secretariat. Moreover, CST advisers will be called upon to provide technical support to the meetings i.e., review reports, service meetings, assist in preparing papers/reports of meetings.

20. Following the presentation by the ECA/SROs secretariat of the main findings of the sub-regional evaluation reports, African Government representatives at the meetings will be invited to discuss successes and challenges in the implementation of the DND/ICPD/ICPD+5 *Key Actions* at the country level and adopt, with the necessary amendments, the sub-regional evaluation reports including the main recommendations for the way forward.

21. All countries of the concerned Sub-regions will be invited to participate at the review meetings (1-2 government representatives from each country: experts/policy-makers) as well as UNFPA/CSTs and other concerned ECA/SROs. Selected observers (Active NGOs in the sub-regions, regional and sub-regional Organizations including population and development institutions, Regional economic communities, selected non-African countries, etc,...) will also be invited.

22. Invited observers including non-African countries will not participate in the debates. However, if time permit, they may be invited to report briefly on the technical and/or financial assistance provided to African countries and their perspectives on their experiences in the implementation of the ICPD.
23. **Expected outcome from the sub-regional review:** Two Sub-regional evaluation reports and the Proceedings of each of the two sub-regional review meetings including the report of the two sub-regional review meetings will be produced in both French and English by the ECA/SROs secretariat and widely disseminated to end-users. It is also expected that the review process will better promote monitoring and evaluation activities at the sub-regional level through the active involvement of all partners in the implementation of the DND/ICDP in the sub-regions including, the sub-regional population and development institutions, the economic communities and the civil society.

4.3 **The regional level**

24. At the regional level, the process will involve the following: (i) preparation and dissemination to all African countries of guidelines for the preparation of countries substantive input to ICPD+10 i.e., a country questionnaire and guidelines for the preparation of the country reports; (ii) preparation of the Regional evaluation report on ICPD+10; (iii) organization of the Fifth meeting of the Follow-up Committee; and eventually, (iv) submission of a Draft Statement on Population and Development to a ministerial-level meeting reaffirming commitment to the ICPD Programme of action and adopting formally the Regional Evaluation Report as Africa’s input to ICPD+10.

25. **Guidelines for the preparation of country substantive input to ICPD+10:** The country questionnaire for the ten year review and appraisal of the implementation of DND/ICPD and the guidelines for the preparation of the Country reports were produced in both French and English in March-April 2003 and sent to all African countries for completion and return by 30 June 2002.

26. **Regional evaluation report:** Draft of the Regional evaluation report assessing African experiences in the implementation of the DND/ICPD will be prepared by ECA and submitted to the Fifth meeting of the Follow-up Committee for review and adoption. The report will synthesize the findings from the analysis of the completed Field Inquiry, the ECA country questionnaires and other in-country data and information contained in the country evaluation reports, the sub-regional evaluation reports, etc. Thereafter, the report will be finalized based on the amendments of the Follow-up Committee and made available in both French and English to constitute Africa’s input to ICPD+10.

27. The report will highlight the main achievements in the goals of the ICPD Programme of action as well as constraints which have hindered progress in the following key areas: Population and Poverty; Gender equality, equity and development; The family, its roles, rights, composition and structure; Children and Youth; RR and RH; Demographic, economic and social impact of HIV/AIDS; Population distribution, urbanization and migration; Resource mobilization for the implementation of population policies and programmes.5

28. **Statement on Population and Development:** A Statement on Population and Development will be prepared by ECA based on the assessment of African experiences in the implementation of the DND/ICPD contained in the Regional evaluation report. The Statement will re-affirm the

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5 The forthcoming ECA/SROs/UNFA Consultative meeting on ICPA+10 in Africa may wish to suggest alternative theme(s) for the focus of Regional Evaluation Report.
Cairo Programme of action, endorse the Regional evaluation report and chart the way forward based on the achievements, best practices and constraints identified during the review process.

29. **Fifth meeting of the Follow-up Committee:** To assess African experiences in the implementation of the DND/ICPD and suggest future activities to accelerate further implementation of the ICPD/ICPD+5 *Key Actions* in next decade.

30. The three-day meeting will be jointly organized by ECA/SROs and UNFPA/CSTs in Addis Ababa in April 2004. Participants will discuss successes and challenges in the implementation of the DND/ICPD at the country level, review and adopt, with the necessary amendments, the Regional evaluation report and eventually, the Statement on Population and Development.

31. Contrary to the four previous meetings of the Follow-up Committee at which member States were invited on a rotational basis, all African countries will be invited to participate at this Fifth meeting of the Committee (1-2 government representatives from each country: experts/policy-makers). Participants will also include representatives of UNFPA/CSTs and ECA/SROs and selected observers including the following: African and international NGOs; international, regional and sub-regional organizations; Regional economic communities; selected non-African countries, etc,...

32. **Ministerial-level meeting:** The main findings from the review of the implementation of the DND/ICPD will be presented to the ECA Conference of Ministers of Finance and Planning, or alternatively to the African Union of Ministers and subsequently, the Statement on Population and Development will be discussed and eventually endorsed by the ministerial-level meeting as African Statement on ICPD+10.

33. **Expected outcome from the review at the regional level:** The Regional Evaluation Report with the accompanying Statement on Population and Development will be Africa’s input to ICPD+10.

V. **Partnerships**

34. The ICPD+10 review process in Africa will be carried out in close collaboration with African countries; the Joint ECA/AU/ADB Secretariat; the five ECA sub-regional Offices located in Niamey, Kigali, Lusaka, Tangiers and Yaounde; the UNFPA Headquarters and its three CST Offices based in Africa (Addis Ababa, Dakar, Harare); and, regional population and development institutions and centers i.e., IDEP, IFORD, RIPS, CERPOD and UAPS.

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