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**REPORT ON PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES FOR THE  
THIRD AFRICAN POPULATION CONFERENCE**

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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. This report takes stock of activities undertaken by the secretariat in preparation for the third African Population Conference and indicates the progress of the preparatory activities.

## II. REPORT OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

2. The report of the first meeting of the Committee, held in September 1991 in Dakar, was prepared by the secretariat and sent in October 1992 to all members of the Committee and to all the institutions contacted to assist in the preparation of conference documents. It gives a detailed outline of the work of the first meeting of the Committee.

## III. PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT DOCUMENT SUBMITTED TO UNFPA

3. ECA received financial support from the United Nations Fund for Population (UNFPA) following the submission of the draft document in October 1991. The document was approved in January 1992 and that made it possible for the preparatory work to continue. UNFPA allocated an additional amount for funding the participation of member States in the Committee.

## IV. PREPARATION OF GUIDELINES ON THE CONTENT OF WORKING PAPERS

4. The Committee had requested the secretariat to prepare the annotated agenda of the conference and to propose guidelines on the content of the main working papers to guide the institutions and consultants in the preparation of documents. A document entitled "Working Guidelines for the third African Population Conference", was prepared by the secretariat with assistance of a consultant Dr. Therèse Locoh and disseminated to all concerned in February 1992. The document gives a detailed outline of the theme and agenda of the conference, guidelines for the preparation of the main documents and the terms of reference of the two consultants to be recruited.

## V. PREPARATION OF CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS

5. The Committee agreed on three types of documents as follows: (a) country reports; (b) working papers; and (c) background papers.

### (a) Country reports

6. The Committee had requested that a distinction be made between the technical aspects of the report and the official position of Governments. A questionnaire was prepared and sent to all member States in April 1992 to be filled in and returned to the secretariat 31 May 1992. The information requested is intended to allow for a comparative evaluation of the implementation of the Kilimanjaro Programme of Action by member States and the establishment of an updated data base on the status and dynamics of their population.

7. The official position of Governments on population issues will be expressed in declarations which will be formulated during the conference.

### (b) Working papers

8. The working papers will be translated, presented and discussed in plenary session. The Committee had agreed on the following six working documents as well as the authors and institutions that could collaborate in their preparation. The list is as follows:

- (i) Implementation of the Kilimanjaro Programme of Action: Lessons and prospects;

Author: ECA

Institutions approached: WHO, IFORD, RIPS, and IPPF.

- (ii) The African family in the context of socio-economic development;

Author : Consultant

Institutions approached : Population Council, IPPF, and CERPOD.

- (iii) Strategies for sustainable development;

Author : Consultant

Institutions approached : ADB and IDEP.

- (iv) Emerging population problems and new orientations and strategies;

Author : IFORD and CERPOD.

- (v) Report on preparations for the International Population Conference (IPC);

Author : IPC secretariat.

- (vi) Financial and technical assistance to population programmes in Africa: trends and implications;

Author : DTCD

Institutions approached : UNFPA, ECA and others.

9. Annex I presents the provisional agenda adopted by the Committee while Annex II lists the documents to be prepared, specifying the sub-themes suggested by the Committee and contributions expected from various institutions.

10. Preparation of the working papers has taken more time than planned for. In November 1991, a reminder was sent to all the institutions regarding the Committee's recommendation on contributions by them. As yet, no contribution has reached the secretariat. This has led to a postponement of the second meeting of the Committee initially scheduled to take place in Addis Ababa, in February/March 1992 to review the content of the documents.

11. In February 1992, the attention of the institutions was drawn to the fact that their contributions were still awaited and a new deadline was fixed for 31 March 1992. No contribution had reached the secretariat at the time of drafting this report. The institutions' representatives attending the Committee meeting could report on the progress in the preparation of their contributions.

(c) Background papers

12. The background papers will be distributed to participants, for information, without being translated, presented or discussed. The Committee had proposed the following four background papers:

- (i) Population situation and trends in Africa;

Author: ECA

- (ii) Population data collection, analysis and dissemination in Africa during the past decade: achievements, drawbacks and implications;

Author: ECA

- (iii) Demographic training and research in Africa: evaluation and prospects;

Authors: IFORD and RIPS

Institution approached: CERPOD

- (iv) Report of the International Congress on Population Education and Development;

Author: UNESCO

13. It should be noted that the third paper was initially, to be prepared by IFORD and RIPS alone. Later on, the secretariat contacted CERPOD to assist in the preparation in view of the Centre's activities in the areas concerned.

14. It appears that more progress has been made in the preparation of background papers than in that of the working papers as the first drafts of the first three papers are available and will be submitted to the Committee for consideration. The UNESCO representative could inform the Committee on the status of the preparatory activities for the Congress which is the subject of the fourth working paper.

(d) Outstanding issues

15. AIDS and environmental degradation are among the sub-themes that CERPOD was to address in the working paper on emerging population problems. Following the request by CERPOD to assign work on those two sub-themes to more specialized institutions, the secretariat requested assistance from the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Bureau in Africa, which agreed to prepare the paper on AIDS.

16. No alternative arrangements have been made yet regarding the preparation of the paper dealing with the second sub-theme. The Committee could make suggestions in that regard.

17. ADB has not yet signified its intention to prepare the paper on the sub-theme dealing with economic policies and strategies which is part of the working paper on strategies for sustainable development.

## VI. PREPARATION OF ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

18. Additional documents will be distributed to participants by private individuals or organizations who wish to do so, provided that they inform the secretariat about this beforehand and that the topics addressed fall within the context of the general theme of the conference. Reproduction and distribution of such documents is the sole responsibility of

their authors. CERPOD and ADB have offered to prepare the following documents respectively:

- (i) Population policies in Africa;
- (ii) ADB and Population Activities in Africa: Current Situation and Prospects.

19. The CERPOD document comes under agenda item 4 which takes stock of the implementation of the Kilimanjaro Programme of Action. ADB's paper comes under agenda item 9 which considers the trends and implications of technical and financial assistance given to population programmes in Africa.

#### VII. PREPARATIONS FOR THE ROUND TABLE

20. It should be noted that the Union for African Population Studies (UAPS) is responsible for organizing the round table. The secretariat has suggested some topics, the orientation and content of the background paper as well as the constitution of the panel. The UAPS representative could report on the preparatory activities for the round table.

#### VIII. IDENTIFICATION AND RECRUITMENT OF CONSULTANTS

21. Several institutions were contacted in January 1992 to assist in identifying the two main consultants to be recruited. The agreement in principle of the two consultants selected was obtained in March 1992, the delay having been caused mainly by the slowness in communication.

22. The recruitment of the consultants took longer than expected because of the recruitment procedures. The first consultant Dr. Suleiman Kiggundi, who will coordinate the preparation of the working paper entitled "Strategies for sustainable Development" was recruited at the end of April.

23. Dr. Christine Oppong was asked to coordinate the preparation of the working paper entitled "The African Family in a the Context of Socio-Economic Development" . However, as the Population Council requested that she should be paid for preparing its input, a third consultant, Dr. Marvellous Mhloyi had to be recruited to prepare the Council's paper.

24. The delay by the institutions (ADB, IDEP, CERPOD, IPPF and Population Council) in sending their inputs into the papers being prepared by the two consultants, has made it impossible for them to adhere to the timetable proposed by the secretariat, according to which the analytical plan of the paper should be submitted by end of May 1992 at the latest.

#### IX. EVALUATION OF ADHERENCE TO THE TIMETABLE FOR PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES

25. Consideration of the timetable adopted by the Committee at its first meeting (Annex III) shows that there has been a general delay of about two months in the implementation of the preparatory activities for the meeting.

26. If the conference is to be held in November as planned, it would be necessary to have all the working documents available at least in their original language latest by 15 July 1992 so that there will be adequate time for translation, reproduction and distribution. The secretariat is therefore submitting to the Committee for consideration and approval the revised timetable which figures as Annex IV.

#### X. FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

27. The conference budget has four items as follows:

- (a) Financial support from UNFPA to ECA for the preparatory activities;
- (b) Costs to be borne by ECA; and

- (c) Difference in costs arising from the holding of the conference in Dakar.
- (d) Financial support from UNFPA to cover participation of countries Representative in the Conference.

28. UNFPA has already approved item (a) of the conference budget. This covers consultants' fees, the salary of one secretary, the participation of invited countries in the Committee meeting and the cost of reproducing and distributing the conference proceedings.

29. ECA should pay for interpreters and translators as well as for the cost of reproducing and distributing the conference documents {item (b)}. However, after verification, it was found out that no resources had been made available to the regional commissions in the regular budget approved by the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly for the International Population Conference. ECA will pursue its consultations with UNFPA and Headquarters to find ways of of funding those costs.

30. The host country is ready to mobilize resources to cover item (c). Consultations are under way and ECA has submitted budget estimates to the Government of Senegal.

31. Item (d) will be covered by UNFPA to finance participation (Travel and Perdiem) at the Conference of two representative from each ECA member State.

## XI. CONCLUSION

32. Active preparations are currently under way for the conference. The secretariat will maintain its contacts with the various parties to ensure their speedy and effective contribution to the preparation and organization of the conference.

## ANNEX I

Provisional agenda of the Conference

1. Opening of the conference
2. Election of officers
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Implementation of the Kilimanjaro Programme of Action
  - (a) Population and development strategy and policy;
  - (b) Fertility and family planning;
  - (c) Morbidity and mortality;
  - (d) Urbanization and migration;
  - (e) Changing role of women in development;
  - (f) Children and youth;
  - (g) Collection and analysis of data on population, training and research;
  - (h) Population information; and
  - (i) Community participation and role of private and non-governmental organizations.
5. Structure and dynamics of family Formation in Africa (round table organized during the conference by UAPS)
6. The African family in the context of socio-economic development:

- (a) Impact of the socio-economic crisis and rapid population growth on the family: current survival strategies;
- (b) Changing role and status of women in the family and in the development process;
- (c) Changing factors affecting fertility decisions;
- (d) Adolescents in the family and in the development process; and
- (e) Migrations, refugees and family life.

7. Strategies for sustainable development

- (a) Economic policies and strategies: constraints and prospects;
- (b) Human resource development strategies; and
- (c) Social strategies for population programmes.

8. New population problems and new orientation, and strategies

- (a) Deteriorating health status: factors and consequences;
- (b) Persistence of a high fertility level;
- (c) Population structure and its consequences;
- (d) Environmental degradation; and
- (e) AIDS.

9. Technical and financial assistance to population programmes in Africa: trends and implications
10. Report on progress of preparatory activities for the 1994 International Population Conference
11. Any other business
12. Adoption of the report
13. Closing of the conference.

ANNEX II  
LIST OF WORKING AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

PAPERS	AUTHORS	CONTRIBUTORS
<b>A. WORKING PAPERS</b>		
1. Implementation of the Kilimanjaro Programme of Action: Lessons and Prospects	ECA	
(a) Population and Development Strategy and Policy;		WHO
(b) Fertility and Family Planning		
(c) Morbidity and Mortality;		IFORD/RIPS
(d) Urbanization and Migration;		IPPF
(e) Changing role of Women in Development;		
(f) Children and Youth;		
(g) Collection and Analysis of Data on Population, Training and Research;		
(h) Population Information;		
(i) Community Participation and Role of Private and Non-governmental organizations		
2. <u>The African Family in the Context of Socio-Economic Development</u>	Consultant	
(a) Impact of the Socio-Economic Crisis and Rapid Population Growth on the Family: Current Survival Strategies;		Consultant
(b) Changing Role and Status of Women in the Family and in Development;		IPPF
(c) Trends in Factors Affecting Fertility Decisions;		CERPOD
(d) Adolescents in the Family and in the Development Process;		
(e) Migrations, Refugees and Family Life		

3. Strategies for sustainable development

- (a) Economic policies and strategies: constraints and prospects;
- (b) Human resource development strategies;
- (c) Social strategies for population programmes;

Consultant

ADB  
IDEP

4. Emerging population problems and new orientations and strategies

- (a) Deterioration of the health status: factors and consequences;
- (b) Persistence of a high level of fertility;
- (c) Consequences of the population structure;
- (d) Environmental degradation;
- (e) AIDS.

CERPOD  
IFORD  
IFORD  
WHO  
CERPOD

5. Report on preparations for the International Population Conference

IPC secretariat

6. Financial and technical assistance to population programmes in Africa: trends and implications

DTCD UNFPA/ECA/others

B. BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Population situations and trends in Africa
2. Population data collection, analysis and dissemination in Africa during the past decade: achievements, shortcomings and implications
3. Population training and research in Africa: evaluation and prospects
4. Report of the International Congress on Population, Education and Development

IFORD/RIPS CERPOD

C. ROUND TABLE

Structure and dynamics of family formation in Africa

UNESCO

UAPS

ECA  
ECA

ANNEX III

TIMETABLE ADOPTED BY THE FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING

- |     |  |                            |
|-----|--|----------------------------|
| 1.  | Meeting of the Preparatory Committee                                       | September 1991             |
| 2.  | Submission of the Draft Document   | October 1991               |
| 3.  | Approval of the Draft Document   | October 1991               |
| 4.  | Invitation of member States and governmental and non-African organizations | October 1991               |
| 5.  | Preparation of country reports   | October 1991 - April 1992  |
| 6.  | Recruitment of consultants   | October - November 1991    |
| 7.  | Preparation of papers by consultants                                       | Nov. 1991 - March 1992     |
| 8.  | Second meeting of the Preparatory Committee                                | 19-21 February 1992        |
| 9.  | Formal invitation of participants  | April 1992                 |
| 10. | Finalization of documents  | May - July 1992            |
| 11. | Sending of documents   | August - Sept. 1992        |
| 12. | Third meeting of the Preparatory Committee                                 | November 1992              |
| 13. | Holding of the Conference  | November 1992              |
| 14. | Final version of the Report  | December 1992              |
| 15. | Publication of the conference proceedings                                  | December 1992 - April 1993 |

## ANNEX IV

## REVISED DRAFT TIMETABLE

1. Return of questionnaires by countries 31 May 1992
2. Final contribution of institutions (IDEP, CERPOD, RIPS, IFORD, IPPF, UNESCO, WHO and ADB) to the preparation of working papers 15 June 1992
3. Final version of working papers 15 July 1992
  - (a) ECA: agenda item 4;
  - (b) Consultants: agenda items 6 and 7;
  - (c) CERPOD/IFORD/WHO: agenda item 8;
  - (d) DTCD: agenda item 9; and
  - (e) IPC secretariat: agenda item 10.
4. Final version of background papers 31 July 1992
  - (a) ECA: Population Situation and Trends in Africa;
  - (b) ECA: Population Data Collection, Analysis and Dissemination in Africa during the past decade: achievements, shortcomings and implications;
  - (c) IFORD/RIPS/CERPOD: Population Research and Training in Africa: evaluation and prospects; and
  - (d) UNESCO: Report of the International Congress on Population Education and Development.
5. Final version of the documents for the round table 30 June 1992
6. Translation of working papers 15 July to 31 Aug. 1992
7. Formal invitation of participants August 1992

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|-----|--|----------------|
| 8.  | Publication of all documents               | September 1992 |
| 9.  | Sending of documents to participants       | October 1992   |
| 10. | Third meeting of the Preparatory Committee | November 1992  |
| 11. | Holding of the conference                  | November 1992  |
| 12. | Final version of the conference Report     | December 1992  |
| 13. | Publication of the conference proceedings  | Dec. 1992      |
|     |  | April 1993     |