



## International Advisory Panel on Population and Development – Republic of Moldova

17 – 18 October 2016

Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

**Scope:** Provide international high-level technical advice to the Government of the Republic of Moldova in strengthening population and development policies and shifting them to a new paradigm in alignment with global experiences and evidences.

### IAPPD – Moldova Members (October 2016 meeting):

Chair: **Mrs. Rita Columbia**, UNFPA Moldova Representative

- **Mr. Asgar Zaidi**, Professor, London School of Economics, Author of the Active Ageing Index, UK
- **Mr. Eduard Jongstra**, Population and Development Adviser, UNFPA Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Istanbul
- **Mrs. Gulnara Kadyrkulova**, Programme Specialist on Population and Development, UNFPA Sub-Regional Office for Central Asia, Kazakhstan
- **Mrs. María Eugenia Dávalos P.**, Senior Economist Poverty and Equity, World Bank Group, Washington
- **Mr. Oleg Serezhin**, Chief, Technical Cooperation Unit, Division for Social Policy and Development, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, New York
- **Mr. Robert Gal**, Senior Researcher, Demographic Research Institute, Hungary
- **Mr. Tomas Kucera**, Demographer, Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic
- **Mrs. Vitalija Gaucaite Wittich**, Chief, Population Unit, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Secretary to the UNECE Working Group on Ageing, Geneva

### AGENDA

*Monday, 17 October 2016*

08.30	Registration of participants and informal discussions over coffee and tea
	<p><b>Opening remarks. How to shift population and development policies to a new paradigm?</b></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Mrs. Rita Columbia</b>, UNFPA Moldova Representative</p> <p>Data-driven demographic policy measures in the 2030 development agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. Alanna Armitage</b>, Regional Director, UNFPA Eastern Europe and Central Asia Regional Office (video message)</li> </ul> <p>Government vision for shifting demographic policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Gheorghe Brega</b>, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova</li> </ul> <p>Role of the Parliament in moving forward population and development policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. Liliana Palihovici</b>, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament</li> </ul> <p>Strengthening capacities of the demographic academia based on Czech experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Zdenek Krejčí</b>, Ambassador of the Czech Republic in the Republic of Moldova (video message)</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and Answers session for mass-media.</b></p>
09.00	

Session I: Population and Development policies and their economic impact	
10.00	<p><b>Demographic prospects of the Republic of Moldova: Population Situation Analysis</b></p> <p><i>Objective:</i> Discussing the key findings and recommendations of the Population Situation Analysis to be used in reframing demographic policy agenda in Moldova.</p> <p><b>Presentation:</b> Population dynamics in the Republic of Moldova: population forecast, demographic dividend, sexual and reproductive health and rights and reducing gender inequalities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. Olga Gagauz</b>, Head of the Demographic Research Center</li> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. Mariana Buciuceanu-Vrabie</b>, Researcher, Demographic Research Center</li> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. Victoria Ciubotaru</b>, Scientific Researcher, Center for Reproductive Health and Medical Genetics</li> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. Diana Cheianu-Andrei</b>, Director, Investigative and Consulting Center “Sociopolis”</li> </ul>
11.20	Informal discussions over coffee and tea
11.40	<p><b>Current regional practices to address shrinking population</b></p> <p><i>Objective:</i> Presentation of the main policy measures of the Governments across Eastern Europe and Central Asia in addressing population dynamics, especially in the countries with shrinking population.</p> <p><b>Presentation:</b> Current policy measures applied in Eastern Europe and Central Asia region in response to population dynamics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Eduard Jongstra</b>, Population and Development Adviser, UNFPA Eastern Europe and Central Asia Regional Office</li> </ul>
12.10	<p><b>Assessment of the National Programme on Demographic Security 2011 – 2025</b></p> <p><i>Objective:</i> Assess the Action Plan and policy measures included in the National Programme on Demographic Security and their relevance to demographic trends of the country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Alexei Buzu</b> and <b>Mr. Victor Lutenco</b>, UNFPA Consultants on M&amp;E and Social Policies</li> </ul>
13.30	Lunch
14.30	<p><b>Vision of the future demographic policies in the Republic of Moldova</b></p> <p><i>Objective:</i> Presentation of the Government’s Concept Vision on Population and Development and coordination of interventions of line ministries in addressing current demographic trends.</p> <p><b>Presentation:</b> Concept Vision on Population &amp; Development policies in the Republic of Moldova</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. Stela Grigoras</b>, Minister of Labour, Social Protection and Family</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussion:</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Mrs. Rita Columbia</b>, UNFPA Moldova Representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. Oxana Domenti</b>, Chair of the Parliamentary Commission on Social Protection, Health and Family</li> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. Ruxanda Glavan</b>, Minister of Health</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Victor Zubcu</b>, Minister of Youth and Sports</li> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. Stela Grigoras</b>, Minister of Labour, Social Protection and Family</li> </ul>
16.00	Informal discussions over coffee and tea
16.30	<p><b>Economic impact of demographic policies: How can Moldova benefit from the demographic dividend?</b></p> <p><i>Objective:</i> Discuss the economic implications of demographic dividend in the Republic of Moldova based on regional and global experience.</p> <p><b>Presentation:</b> Harnessing the demographic dividend for the country’s economic growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Rober Gal</b>, Senior Researcher, Demographic Research Institute, Hungary</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussions:</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Mr. Eduard Jongstra</b>, Population and Development Adviser, UNFPA EECA RO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. María Eugenia Dávalos P.</b>, Senior Economist Poverty and Equity, World Bank Group</li> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. Rodica Nicoara</b>, Head, Department for Policy Analysis, Monitoring and Evaluation, Ministry of Economy</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Adrian Lupusor</b>, Executive Director, Expert-Grup</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Rober Gal</b>, Senior Researcher, Demographic Research Institute, Hungary</li> </ul>
17.40	<p>Conclusions and key messages of the first day.</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <b>Mrs. Rita Columbia</b>, Representative, UNFPA Moldova</p>

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016

09.00	Opening of the second day of IAPPD-Moldova Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. Rita Columbia</b>, UNFPA Moldova Representative</li> </ul>
	<b>Session II: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights</b>
09.15	<p><b>Access to sexual and reproductive health, especially for the vulnerable groups</b></p> <p><i>Objective:</i> Presentation of the Programme on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and identification of the main priorities in increasing access to family planning for young people and vulnerable groups.</p> <p><b>Presentation:</b> Programme on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. Ruxanda Glavan</b>, Minister of Health</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussion:</b></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Mrs. Gulnara Kadyrkulova</b>, Programme Specialist on Population and Development, UNFPA Sub-Regional Office for Central Asia, Kazakhstan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. Rita Columbia</b>, UNFPA Moldova Representative</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Haris Hajrulahovic</b>, Representative, World Health Organization Moldova</li> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. Rodica Comendant</b>, Director, Reproductive Health Training Center</li> <li>▪ <b>Mr. Veaceslav Balan</b>, National Coordinator, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights</li> </ul>
10.30	Informal discussions over coffee and tea
	<b>Session III: Ageing Policies</b>
11.00	<p><b>Moldova – a young country ageing fast: policy response to Moldova’s ageing population</b></p> <p><i>Objective:</i> Assessment of the economic implications of Moldova’s ageing population and presentation of a new Theory of Change in response to demographic ageing.</p> <p><b>World Bank Report: Economic security of older people in Moldova</b></p> <p><b>Mrs. María Eugenia Dávalos P.</b>, Senior Economist Poverty and Equity, World Bank Group</p> <p><b>Presentation:</b> Key priorities for the next Action Plan on Active Ageing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. Anastasia Oceretnii</b>, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family</li> </ul> <p><b>Feedback from IAPPD-Moldova Members</b></p>
13.00	<p><b>Conclusions and key messages of the second meeting of IAPPD-Moldova. Event closing.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. Stela Grigoras</b>, Minister of Labour, Social Protection and Family</li> <li>▪ <b>Mrs. Rita Columbia</b>, UNFPA Moldova Representative</li> </ul>
13.30	Lunch
15.00	<p><b>Joint meeting of the IAPPD – Moldova members with National Commission on Population and Development</b></p> <p><i>Location:</i> Government of the Republic of Moldova, Piata Marii Adunari Nationale, 1</p> <p><i>Objective:</i> Presentation of key recommendations of IAPPD-Moldova and approval of a set of policy proposals and researches for shifting demographic policies to a new paradigm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Population Situation Analysis</li> <li>▪ Assessment of the National Programme on Demographic Security in the Republic of Moldova 2011 – 2025</li> <li>▪ Concept Vision on Population and Development</li> </ul> <p><u>Chair of the Joint Meeting:</u> <b>Mr. Gheorghe Brega</b>, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova</p>