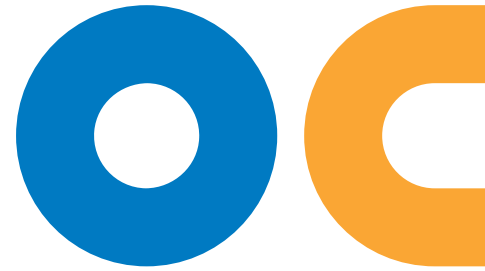


International Conference Building Data Governance for efficient decision making policies



Agenda | 25-26 March 2024

Leograd Radisson Blu Hotel, Chisinau. Address: 77 Mitropolit Varlaam, Street
(Conference room Prut, entrance in the hotel from Vlaicu Parcalab street)

Time	Activity
Day 1	
9:30-10:00	Registration of participants and welcome coffee
10:00-10:40	<p>Data leveraging as accelerator for EU integration The opening plenary sets the tone of the event, and highlights the significance of data governance in addressing demographic challenges and fostering resilience</p> <p>Chair of the panel: Karina Nersesyan, UNFPA Representative in the Republic of Moldova.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cristina Gherasimov, Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration in the Republic of Moldova • Florence Bauer, UNFPA Regional Director for Eastern Europe and Central Asia • Magdalena Müller-Uri, Head of Cooperation of the EU-Delegation to the Republic of Moldova • Rahul Shrivastava, Ambassador of India to Romania, Albania and Moldova • Viorica Cretu, Deputy Director of Swiss Cooperation Office in Moldova • Andrea Cuzyova, Deputy Resident Representative UNDP Moldova <p>Informative video on Data Governance & Demographic Resilience</p>

10:40 - 11:30

1st Panel: Enhancing evidence-based policies: strengthening development and demographic resilience

The rationale of this session is to highlight the transformative role of data in policy-making for European integration and local development, addressing topics ranging from expanding access to reliable data in Moldova to accelerating EU accession through data-driven approaches and enhancing decision-making through predictive analysis.

Moderator: Natalia Plugaru, UNFPA Assistant Representative

Key presentation:

Fiona Willis Nunez, Statistician, UNECE. The role of data and population census in rethinking policy making process and creating opportunities for local development



Panel discussion:

- **Alexei Buzu**, Minister of Labour and Social Protection. Expanding access to reliable and disaggregated data to address complex societal challenges more effectively and efficiently: Moldova case
- **Jan Demidovits-Mekelainen**, Programme Manager, EU Delegation. Accelerating EU accession through applying data-driven approach and policy adaptation to the societal changes
- **Cătălina Plinschi**, State Secretary, Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization. The role of data for ensuring efficient economic development and strengthening trust in public authorities
- **Tomas Kucera**, Demographer, Charles University, Faculty of Social Science. Enhancing decision-making through the use of the results of predictive population research
- **Ion Gumene**, State Secretary, Ministry of Finance. The role of demographic data for ensuring efficient public budgeting

Q&A or interventions

11:30-12:15

Networking break
Photo group and Data Governance Exhibition

12:15-13:30

Lunch break

13:30-15:00

2nd Panel: Navigating population dynamics: harnessing opportunities for demographic resilience

The rationale for the 2nd Panel session is to explore demographic changes across Europe and their implications for policy making, addressing issues such as low fertility rates, ageing societies, diaspora empowerment, and youth engagement for informed decision-making.

Moderator: Eduard Jongstra, Regional Adviser, Population And Development, UNFPA

Key presentation: Tomas Sobotka, Demographer, Vienna Institute of Demography. Demographic changes across Europe and why we need to consider them in policy making: low fertility ageing and migration process

Speakers:

- **Philipp Hessel**, Associate Population Affairs Officer, UNECE. Harnessing potential of ageing societies
- **Amira Vejzagic-Ramhorst**, UNDP, Mainstreaming human mobility evidence and opportunities: comparative analysis
- **Violina Donu**, Head of Bureau of Relations with Diaspora of Moldova, Internal and out-migration and diaspora empowerment
- **Leonid Boaghi**, Mayor of Sireti village, Republic of Moldova. Integration of Migration and Development
- **Teodora Panus**, President of National Youth Council of Moldova. Youth empowerment for better decision making process - Moldova experience.

Q&A or interventions

15:00-15:30

Networking break

15:30-17:00

3rd Panel: Driving local development: advancing through evidence-based initiatives

The rationale of this session lies in the importance of evidence-based approaches in fostering local development, exemplified by successful initiatives of local authorities from across the EU member countries.

Moderator: **Andrea Cuzyova**, Deputy Resident Representative UNDP Moldova

Key presentation:

Fabrizio Davide, Research Director, Italian National Institute of Statistics. Key factors in advancing data governance at local level: challenges, strategies and emerging opportunities

Speakers:

- **Ana Mardare**, State Secretary, Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development. Harnessing the data for local development programmes
- **Tomas Brabec**, Urban Analyst, Prague Institute of Planning and Development. The use of population forecasts at the local level of decision making
- **Alper Gucumengil**, Data Governance Specialist. UNDP. Evidence-based approaches in fostering local development in Turkiye
- **Nicolae Dandis**, Mayor of Cahul municipality. Smart city and youth empowerment
- **Sobir Khaitmuratov**, Head of the unit, Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Advancing through evidence-based local initiatives in Uzbekistan

Q&A or interventions

17:30-19:00

Reception dinner

Time

Activity

Day 2

9:00-10:30

4th Panel: Population projections: key to informed policy and budget planning

The rationale of this session lies around centering the critical role of population projections as indispensable tools in guiding decision making processes and anticipating demographic changes, as well as informing policy and budgetary decisions.

Moderator: **Eduard Mihalas**, Resource Mobilization and Partnership Specialist, UNFPA

Key presentation:

Nicholas Gailey, Demographer, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis. Regional trends in population dynamic in Europe and Central Asia for the upcoming 30 years

Speakers:

- **Gagauz Olga**, Demographer, Director of the National Institute for Economic Research. Preliminary results of the population projections in the Republic of Moldova
- **Tomas Kucera**, Demographer, Charles University, Faculty of Social Science. The Key Role of Population and Derived Forecasts in the Reform of the Pension System in the Czech Republic
- **Durbek Akhmedov**, Member of Legislative Chamber of Oliy Majlis Republic of Uzbekistan. Effective use of demographic data and forecasts to decision-making processes
- TBC

Q&A or interventions

10:30-11:00

Networking break

11:00-12:30

5th Panel: Data Governance: enabling e-transformation and Sustainable Development Agenda

The main rationale of this session is to underscore the significance of robust data governance frameworks in driving e-governance transformation, as well as supporting the sustainable development agenda and advancing the achievement of SDGs.

Moderator: Veronica Cretu, Open Government and Data for Development Expert, Innovating Governance Association.

Key presentation:

Veronica Cretu, The role of data for sustainability development policies

Speakers:

- **Oleg Cara**, General Director, National Bureau of Statistics of Republic of Moldova. Digitalization of National Statistical System in Moldova: steps forward and challenges
- **Andrei Prisacar**, Director, e-Governance Agency of the Republic of Moldova. Data exchange and digital infrastructure for local public authorities in Moldova
- **Eugeniu Cepoi**, Senior Data Expert UNDP. A case that highlights robust data framework in advancing SDGs on the path to European Moldova.
- **Assemgul Abrayeva**, Chief expert, The Bureau of National statistics of the Agency for strategic planning and reforms of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kazakhstan experience on the use of admin data for policy design

12:30-13:00

Closing - UNFPA Moldova CO

- (TBC), Secretary General of the Government
- **Karina Nersesyan**, UNFPA Representative in the Republic of Moldova
- **Andrea Cuzyova**, Deputy Resident Representative UNDP Moldova

13:00-14:00

Lunch break