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Acronyms

ACPD	Action Canada for Population and Development
AIDS	Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
ALAP	Latin American Population Association
APA	Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health
APHRC	African Population and Health Research Centre
APMRC	Australian Population and Migration Research Centre
ARROW	Asian-Pacific Resource & Research Centre for Women
BMZ	Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung
CAP	Commonwealth Association of Planners
CELADE	El Centro Latinoamericano y Caribeño de Demografía
CGD	Center for Global Development
Commat	Commonwealth Medical Trust
CSUD	Center for Sustainable Urban Development
DSW	Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung
ECLAC	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
ESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FIABCI	International Real Estate Federation
FUNDASAL	Salvadoran Foundation for Development and Minimal Housing
GFMD	Global Forum for Migration and Development
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
HIV	Human immunodeficiency virus
HWWI	Hamburg Institute of International Economics
ICMC	International Catholic Migration Commission
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
ICT	Information, communications and technology
IFA	International Federation on Ageing
IFRC	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
IGFR	Institute for Global Futures Research
IISD	International Institute for Sustainable Development
ILO	International Labour Organization
INED	French National Institute for Demographic Studies
IPPF	International Planned Parenthood Federation
IOM	International Organization for Migration
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MFA	Migrant Forum in Asia
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
OIA	Oxford Institute of Population Ageing
PAI	Population Action International
PPD	Partners in Population and Development
PRB	Population Reference Bureau
PSDA	Population and Sustainable Development Alliance
PSI	Public Services International
PSN	Population and Sustainability Network

RFSU	Riksförbundet för sexuell upplysning
SDC	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
SRHR	Sexual and reproductive health and rights
TDHIF	The Terre des Hommes International Federation
UCLG	United Cities and Local Governments
UN	United Nations
UAPS	The Union for African Population Studies
UNCSD	United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
UN Women	United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
UN-HABITAT	United Nations Human Settlements Programme
UNDESA	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
UNDG	United Nations Development Group
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNV	United Nations Volunteers
USCIB	United States Council for International Business
WARBE	Welfare Association of Repatriated Bangladeshi Employees
WFP	World Food Programme
WHO	World Health Organization
WVI	World Vision International

Preface

With the target date of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) rapidly approaching, the international community is engaging in an intensive debate on what should be the nature of a new development agenda and how it should differ from the previous MDG approach. For the new development agenda to benefit from broad-based support, it will need to be developed through an inclusive process involving all stakeholders. In accordance, the United Nations Secretary-General has called for an inclusive and open discussion on what the priorities for a new post-2015 development agenda should be. The United Nations Development Group (UNDG) was charged with coordinating national and regional consultations on the post-2015 development agenda, as well as global consultations on eleven themes of particular importance for this agenda. These consultations complement other discussions taking place at the national, regional and international levels. This report summarizes the outcome of the global thematic consultation on population dynamics.

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The inclusive process of the consultation on population dynamics resulted in an authoritative position on how population dynamics affect the major development challenges of the 21st century, and on how population dynamics are best integrated and addressed in the post-2015 development agenda. Changes in the size, age and location of populations have important implications for the attainment of many development objectives, and all aspects of population dynamics will need to be considered in the formulation of development goals, targets and indicators, as well as strategies, policies and programmes.

The eradication of poverty and the assurance of environmental sustainability are today's greatest challenges and are intrinsically linked to population dynamics. Addressing them is a global responsibility. Let 2015 be the year when the international community takes concrete measures to bring these ambitions into balance and promotes sustained and sustainable development for the benefit of current and future generations.■

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