

APSWDP VIRTUAL DIALOGUE: UN 75 2020 AND BEYOND SHAPING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

4th October 2020 (SUNDAY)
11.00 A.M. - 12.00 P.M. (IST)

Series - VII: What Future We Want

Theme
Shifting Demographics

Platform: Zoom



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Conversation:
UN 75 and
Beyond
Who can attend ?

Development Experts, Civil
Society Advocates,
Academics and
Researchers, Social Work
Students,
Corporates, Change Makers,

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BACKGROUND OF DIALOGUE

In pursuit of celebrating the 75th Anniversary by igniting people's debate: UN75, the Secretary General Antonio Guterres has launched a global dialogue, which is perhaps the largest and furthest reaching global conversation ever on building the future we want.

Association of Professional Social Workers and Development Practitioners (APSWDP) is a professional association which has been conferred **Special Consultative Status** under the **United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC)** and has also been affiliated with the **United Nations Department of Global Communications (UN DGC)**. On this occasion, APSWDP has conceived a dialogue in support of UN75 2020 AND Beyond, Shaping Our Future Together by organizing a **Virtual Dialogue Series-VII What Future We Want** on theme '**Shifting Demographics**' on 4 October 2020 (Sunday) at 11.00 A.M. to 12.00 P.M.

In a world of Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity and Ambiguity (VUCA), we are passing through several human crises ranging from climate crisis, health issues, digital divide, gender inequality, population burst, rising conflicts and violence, etc.; APSWDP has come forward to corroborate with the United Nation's global initiative of encouraging people, especially youth and marginalized to put their heads together to define how enhanced international cooperation can help realize a better world by 2045, the UN's 100th birthday.

The aim of this virtual dialogue under the ambit of UN75 virtual dialogue series initiative is to discuss rise and shrinking population with respect to geographical locations, forced migration due to conflicts, climate change and poverty. Further, we must all accelerate progress today by sensitizing various stakeholders working on population studies, urban poverty, livelihood and climate change mitigation. The views and ideas presented in this symposium/ virtual dialogue will be documented and presented to the offices of the United Nation's Economic and Social Council as well as the United Nation's Department of Global Communications for incorporating the ideas discussed into their next agenda.

BACKGROUND OF THEME

According to the United Nations statistics and figures shared on UN75 issues and briefs, the world's population is expected to increase by two billion people, from 7.7 billion at present to 9.7 billion in 2050, before reaching a peak of nearly 11 billion by the end of the century as fertility rates continue to decline. During this period, the global population is projected to become more and more urban, while children below age 5 will be outnumbered by persons aged 65 or above. Half of global population growth between now and 2050 is expected to come from just nine countries: India, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Indonesia, Egypt and the United States of America (in descending order of increase). The population of sub-Saharan Africa is likely to double, while the population of Europe is likely to shrink. Meanwhile, people are on the move. While the percentage of international migrants has remained around 3 per cent of the global population over the past two decades, their number has increased by more than half since 2000. At the same time, the number of people forced to flee their homes has risen sharply due to protracted conflicts and could increase further due to climate change and environmental degradation. The vast majority of refugee and migrant flow are to countries in the global South.

In some regions of the world, young people (ages 15 to 24 years) comprise a large and rapidly growing segment of the population. Most countries in Asia and in Latin America and the Caribbean have already witnessed a similar bulge of young people followed by a bulge at working ages. While it lasts, a relative increase in the working-age population offers an opportunity for accelerated economic growth: the so-called "demographic dividend". In this context, efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals – such as ending hunger, ensuring healthy lives, promoting education and life-long learning, creating jobs, improving social protection and reducing inequality – can reinforce these trends and lead to greater opportunities.

Older persons (ages 65 and above) today comprise the world's fastest growing age group. Globally, for the first time in 2018, older persons outnumbered children under the age of five, and by 2050, older persons will outnumber adolescents and youth (ages 15 to 24). Some regions, such as Europe and Eastern Asia, already face a considerable challenge in supporting and caring for their older populations.

From our earliest days, migration has provided humans with opportunities. In 2019, international migrants – people living outside their country of origin – numbered around 272 million, or almost 3.5 per cent of the global population. People move for many reasons, including work, family and education. A growing number, however, are leaving their homes and communities as a result of violence, persecution, deprivation or disasters, including as a result of climate change.

Until 2009, more people lived in rural than in urban areas. Today, around 55 per cent of the world's population lives in towns and cities, with the level of urbanization projected to reach almost 70 per cent by 2050. Much of the growth in urban populations will take place in Asia and Africa, especially in China, India and Nigeria where the fertility rates remain high.

KEY OBJECTIVES

The key objectives of this dialogue are as under:

- To unveil the social impacts of rising population
- To discuss various migration patterns evolving due to climate crisis, conflict, pandemic
- To initiate dialogue on building a community network to address health issues, prevention and preparedness for future.
- To device and customize the social work intervention into the domain of population studies.

APSWDP UN 75 DIALOGUE

APSWDP in support of the UN75 objectives and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) has identified a wide range of Development Practitioners as Key Panellists to initiate discussions, gather diverse perspectives and creative ideas on issues such as the climate crisis, inequality, new forms of conflict and violence, and the rapid changes in demography and digital technologies. The sole objective is to address the emerging risks and collectively navigate the gap, if these mega-trends continue.

The UN75 dialogue will be inaugurated and chaired by **Professor Ashwani Nanda, Population Research Center, Center for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID), Chandigarh**. We feel privileged to witness the deliberations from the following eminent speakers and panellists invited for this dialogue:-

- Dr. Harihar Sahoo, Assistant Professor, IIPS, Mumbai.
- Dr. Debdulal Saha, Assistant Professor, TISS, Guwahati Campus.
- Dr. Sumit Arora, Sociologist, Development Expert, APSWDP, Chandigarh and Alumni UNITAR/CIFAL.

MODE OF COMMUNICATION

The mode of communication for UN75 Dialogue is English. However, the participants from regional background are also encouraged to join the conversation in their respective vernacular. APSWDP does not discriminate on the grounds of language. We believe in participation from across the lines. Our volunteers will felicitate the participants in case if they are not comfortable with the language.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Development Experts,
- Civil Society Advocates,
- Academicians and Researchers ,
- Social Work Students,
- Corporate Representatives and Change Makers

OUTCOMES

The outcomes of the UN75 Dialogue will enable all the participants and panelists to document their ideas, solutions for the growing crisis situation, way forward, etc. and it will be further shared with the United Nations for framing a comprehensive global plan of the future we want. In addition, the following outcomes are expected from the UN75 Dialogue:

- 1.To develop understanding on Role of Civil Society under the ambit of Sustainable Development Goals with special focus on population and demographic dividend.
- 2.To build confidence and capacity of professionals engage in development sector particularly social work, NGO sector, etc. on demography.
- 3.To give exposure on various issues and solutions for building a sustainable future.
- 4.Collaboration and partnership among stakeholders

HOW TO REGISTER AND PARTICIPATE

For participation in APSWDP UN75 Dialogue Series VII: What Future We Want with the theme on "Shifting Demographics", please register by filling the required particulars in the online form.

Registration Link for the Dialogue: <https://bit.ly/2Gsqnxl>

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