



Call for Abstracts



The Mekelle University (MU), Institute of Population Studies, in collaboration with the National Planning Commission of Ethiopia and United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) has organized an International Conference on 24 – 26 July, 2015 with a theme **“Population Dynamics and Sustainable Development: Lessons from the implementations of NPP, GTP1, ICPD and MDGs”**. The aim of the conference is to:

- Thoroughly examine the achievements made so far in the integration of population issues in the different development programs and plans,
- Discuss experiences gained from the implementation process of the National Population Policy (NPP), GTP1, ICPD and the MDGs so that **lessons can be drawn to: revisit the population policy, to enrich the up- coming GTP2 document and; to enhance the quality and relevance of the documents of the Sustainable Development Agenda of beyond 2015 from the perspective of the priorities of the African people.**

Thus, all interested institutions and individuals are encouraged to submit abstracts of not more than 500 words on the following thematic areas and related issues using the e-mail addresses given below.

THEMATIC AREA I: POPULATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Interrelationships between population growth and economic development;
- Population dynamics, physical infrastructure provisions and quality of life;
- Interrelationship between demographic dynamics and sociocultural development;
- The Role of Human Capital and Social Capital Models of Development in the Poverty Reduction Process;
- Demographic transition, demographic dividend and development;
- Social protection as a strategy for poverty reduction and sustainable development process.

THEMATIC AREA II: POPULATION, ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH

- Population Dynamics and Sustainable Resource use;
- Population, Environment, health and climate change;
- Interrelationship among population dynamics, agricultural productivity, food security and nutrition;
- Best practices in the natural resources development process

THEMATIC AREA III: MIGRATION, URBANIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- Migration and development;
- Urbanization, employment generation and work ethics;
- Linkages between urban demographics and infrastructure provisions;
- Human trafficking and child labour
- MSEs and the enhancement of urban livelihoods;

THEMATIC AREA IV: POPULATION DYNAMICS AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

- Fertility, nutrition, breast feeding, child and maternal health care;
- Adolescence reproductive health and family planning services
- Practices of unwanted pregnancy and unsafe abortion;
- Education, early marriage and maternal health
- Socio-cultural beliefs, traditions and fertility behaviour;
- Population Dynamics, gender, women empowerment and Reproductive Health
- Human Capital Development, Fertility transition and participation of females in the labour force

THEMATIC AREA V: ICPD DECLARATION AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS in Ethiopia

- The Cairo Conference on Population and Development and its impacts on the sustainable development process of Ethiopia;
- Population Dynamics and the attainment of the MDG targets in Ethiopia;
- The role of population dynamics in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- The role of national policies in the attainment of the MDGs and the SDG targets.
- Best practices in the implementation of MDGs and its implication for the SDGs

THEMATIC AREA VI: POPULATION DYNAMICS, POPULATION POLICY AND THE ATTAINMENT OF GTPs

- Population dynamics and the attainment of GTP1: lessons that can be drawn for the future.
- Ways of incorporating Population issues in GTP2.
- Challenges and gaps observed in the implementation of the national population policy of Ethiopia.
- Possible Challenges and opportunities in the transformation process of Ethiopia: from the demographic point of view.

Important Deadlines: Submitting Abstracts: 17 May 2015;

Notifying Selected Abstracts: 09 June, 2015;

Submitting Full Articles: 29 June, 2015.

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Place of the Conference: Martyrs Hall - Mekelle

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