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INCEPTION REPORT

**CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO PREPARE THE 2019 COMMON AFRICAN POSITION ON
POPULATION REPORT REFERENCE No: AUC/SAD/C/6**

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BACKGROUND

In March of 2018, under the auspices of the AU Bureau, member states were convened on the 14th of March 2018, at the Africa Union Permanent Observer Mission to the United Nations, New York to prepare for the 51st session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD), following deliberations one of the outcome recommendations was that Africa develop a Common Position of Population Issues. The Commission is therefore undertaking the development of a Common African Position (CAP) on Population issues under the theme, 'Status of Africa's Population: A Common African Position on Population'.

The preparation of this report will be informed by global and continental agreements such as the ICPD Programme of Action (POA) which underscored the integral and mutually reinforcing linkages between population and development and which was adopted by 179 governments including African Governments. ICPD was supported by other global and continental agreements such as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and subsequently the Sustainable Development Goals (2016-2030) whose main gist is eradication of poverty. Poverty has been termed as the greatest global challenge whose eradication is a prerequisite for achieving the three dimensions of sustainable development namely: economic, social and environment. In addition to agenda 2030, Africa formulated and adopted the agenda 2063 in 2013 (the Africa we want), a framework to guide Africa's development agenda in the next 50 years. The proposed framework is expected to transform the continent into "*An integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in international arena*".

Prior to agenda 2063, 53 African countries adopted the Addis Ababa declaration on Population and Development (AADPD) which provides a framework for addressing population and development issues in Africa. AADPD is anchored on six pillars: dignity and equality; health; place and mobility; partnership and international cooperation; data and statistics; and governance. At the AADPD+5, which was presented at a meeting of experts and Ministers in charge of population held in Accra from 2nd -5th October 2018, it was observed that the collective examination of the draft 5 year continental review of the Addis Ababa declaration will provide insight into the development of a Common Africa Position (CAP) on population issues to guide future negotiations and agreement on key messages on the population issues of the continent. The recommendations of the experts and ministers in charge of population will also inform the development of the common African population report. These include: the inclusion of teenage pregnancy as a determinant of as well having social and economic implications; the link between technical and vocational training for youth; climate change, aging, care of the elderly, and long-term care. Further, as reiterated by the ministerial meeting in Accra, there will be an analysis of (where data will be available):

i. Access to financing for women and youth



- ii. An analysis of the continental brain drain
- iii. The imbalance between population growth and GDP
- iv. Demographic dividend with the provision of concrete recommendations
- v. Consensus on what unites us as Africans
- vi. An analysis on the prevalence of cervical cancer

The development of the CAP for Population will also place emphasis on the following key areas of concern to Africa:

- i. Sanitation and hygiene
- ii. Brain drain
- iii. Teenage pregnancy
- iv. Ending FGM
- v. Unmet need for family planning
- vi. Population dynamics
- vii. Fertility rates
- viii. Maternal mortality
- ix. Illegal migration
- x. Youth.

It is important to note here that, overall, Africa has made considerable progress towards achieving various development goals since the adoption of the MDGs. Some of the significant strides made include reducing maternal, infant, and HIV-related deaths, enhancing women's representation in national parliaments, enrolling more children in primary school, bridging the gender gap in primary school enrolment, improved access to safe drinking water, saving millions of lives through targeted investments in fighting malaria, AIDS and tuberculosis among others. These achievements underscore the important role that national commitment, supported by global partnerships can play in realizing development objectives. Despite the various improvements that have been made, challenges remain and need to be addressed urgently. Indeed, the progress observed is not even across the continent or within countries, with significant disparities between and within countries, between women and men, between rural and urban residents, and between the poorest and the wealthiest in the continent. Other challenges relate to the environment, non-communicable diseases, civil unrest, etc. constitute significant threats to Africa's development. In preparing this report the above achievements and challenges will form a key component of the Common African Population report (CAP).

Overview of the Population Situation in Africa

The current population of Africa is approximated at 1,320,038,716 as at January 2019, based on the latest United Nations estimates which are equivalent to 16.64% of the total world population. Africa's population ranks number 2 among continents of the world. The population density stands at 43 per Km² (113 people per mi²). The total land area is 29,648,481 Km² (11,447,338 sq. miles). 40.6 % of the population is urban (523,004,491



people in 2018). Africa generally has a young population with a median age of 19.4 years. The total fertility for Africa has stalled at 4.66 children per woman since 2016. This indicates that the population of Africa has grown rapidly over the past century and consequently shows a large youth bulge. Uncontrolled population growth threatens to overwhelm infrastructure development and has led to crippling economic development. According to Alex Ezech “We need to talk frankly about our rapid population growth in Africa if we want to beat poverty” (Alex Ezech, Drexel University September 23, 2018). A common African Position on Population therefore sets the stage for addressing population issues on the continent more specifically within and between the member states of the African Union Commission (AUC).



The Population of Africa is distributed as follows:

Sub-Regions in Africa

Area	Population (2019)
Eastern Africa	445,447,287
Western Africa	392,176,114
Northern Africa	241,932,523
Middle Africa	173,692,967
Southern Africa	66,789,825
Total	1,320,038,716

Source: Worldometers (www.Worldometers.info)

INTERPRETATION OF TOR

1.2. The Purpose of the Assignment

1.2.1. Main Objective

The main objective of this assignment is to prepare a publishable analytical report on Common African Position on Population, with executive summary underlying the critical need for a common position on population in Africa.

1.2.2. Specific Objectives

The specific objectives of the assignment are:

1. Identify population issues that are of concern to member states at different levels (Country, Region and continent);
2. Identify contentious population related issues of the continent, and, Identify solutions and recommendations to address these 'contentious population issues';
3. Identify diverging, but not, contentious population; and
4. Identify if there are any, approaches to advance Africa's population agenda that have not been agreed upon with regard to the Addis Ababa Declaration on Population Development.

1.3 Scope of Work

The scope of work entails:



- Conduct a desk review on the status of implementation of various continentally and internationally agreed instruments, such as the SDGs (2016-2030), ICPD Programme of Action (2004), Addis Ababa Declaration on Population (1994), Africa Health Strategy, Maputo Plan of Action (2016-2030), SRHR Framework; and instruments related to in Africa including the Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development (AADPD+5) report.
- Review country reports on pertinent population issues
- Draft the report on Common African Position on Population using the available guiding documents and findings from the desk review and KIIs;
- Facilitate country, regional and continental stakeholder's consultation/validation workshops on the draft on the Common African Position on Population report;
- Incorporate comments from national, regional and continental validation processes, and finalize the report on Common African Position on Population and submit for approval

4. Deliverables

The deliverables expected from the consultancy service are:

1. Inception report with detailed work plan
2. An approved general outline of the Common African Position on Population report by the Department of Social Affairs; an action plan for the duration of the CAP writing assignment;
3. Analyse and synthesize data on population dynamics relevant to the development of the report
4. Ensure that the Common African Position on Population report is coherent and cross cuts key factors influencing demographic dynamics
5. Elaborate recommendations/strategies in reference to the International Conference on Population Programme of Action (ICPD) (PoA), Addis Abba Declaration on Population Development (AADPD+5), Agenda 2063
6. Perform any other duties related to the preparation of the CAP which may be assigned him/her by the Commissioner, Director of Social Affairs and the Head of Division for Health, Nutrition and Population.

Briefly, the table below provides the understanding of the Terms of Reference (TORs) by the consultant.

Key Understanding of the Terms of Reference

Objective	Key Observation
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Identify population Issues that are of concern to the member states at country, regional and continental levels	This forms the foundation on which the consultancy assignment is anchored and careful attention will be paid to all available materials and their subsequent use in the assignment
Identify contentious population related issues of the continent and identify solutions and recommendations to address these 'contentious population issues	Provides a basis for understanding population issues of concern cumulatively at the continental level and documentation of possible solutions
Identify diverging but not contentious population issues	This underscores the need to analyze the data collected from different countries to tease out diverging but not contentious issues
Identify if there are any, approaches to advance Africa's Population Agenda that have not been agreed upon with regard to Addis Ababa Declaration on Population Development	This will form the basis for the detailed report for the common population position at country, regional and a consolidated continental report

2 METHODOLOGY

2.1. Approach

The approach will be participatory commencing with the AUC in order to fully understand their needs for the Common African Position on Population Report, the process required in undertaking the consultancy and obtaining background documents at the AUC; a careful study of the existing materials from global through continental to regional and national levels¹ making necessary linkages, during the interviews; and at the consultation/validation workshop careful attention will be paid to information emanating from the participants given their wealth of experience and knowledge of the local terrain. Careful sieving through the information and analysis will be paramount to ensure that correct and critical information is captured and incorporated in the final Report.

The effectiveness of the support to the development of the CAP Report will be based on the following identified assumptions:

¹ All reviewed documents will be annexed to this report



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- a. Sufficient flexibility among key stakeholders (including the consultant) to respond/adapt to a potentially rejuvenating political, economic and social environment in the AUC and member states.
- b. All partners have realistic expectations; the inherent challenges of support to the development of the Common African Position on Population will require close partnership between AUC Secretariat, member states, and related key stakeholders.

The consultancy will seriously consider and incorporate these assumptions and the inherent risks of the assignment on an ongoing basis to ensure that the objectives set out in the consultancy assignment are fully met. The methodology has entrenched participatory processes to obtain insights into the realities of the assumptions, maximize identified findings and opportunities to mitigate the risks. The envisaged methodology for undertaking this assignment builds on existing international standards of developing a CAP report and responds to the scope of work, i.e. the Terms of Reference (ToR).



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THEME: STATUS OF AFRICA'S POPULATION: A COMMON AFRICAN POSITION ON POPULATION

WORK PLAN

Development of the Common African Position on Population Report Timelines

PHASE 1	ACTIVITY	TIMING/DURATION
INCEPTION REPORT PREPARATION, SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL		
A. Inception Report	1. Draft Inception report and submit	2 – 10 January 2019 (8 days) Submit on 11th January 2018 CONSULTANT
	2. Revise draft Inception report to incorporate comments from EAC Secretariat and UNDP/RSCA and submit	
	3. Review inception report, provide written comments and hold conference to discuss comments/response to comments	12 – 16 January 2019 (4 Days) 17 – 18 January 2019 (2 Days)
	4. Inception Report Approval	
PHASE 2 DESK REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS AND FIELD PREPARATIONS		
B. Documents, contacts of focal points in Member States, ECA and UN among others	5. AUC Secretariat provides: a) Key AUC reference/background documents by link/soft copies b) Names, functional titles and contacts (telephone and email address) of Key Personnel to provide information through Survey (Survey Monkey, Tele Conference or SKYPE) in member states, AUC, ECA, UN	19 – 22 January 2019 (4 Days) (AUC Secretariat)
	6. Make contact with identified stakeholders in member states, ECA, UN	23 – 25 January 2019 (3 Days) CONSULTANT
C. Literature Review	7. 1. Conduct in-depth desk review of continental and international instruments on Population and	26 January – 9 February 2019



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	<p>Development and other supporting documents such as SRHR Strategy; Demographic dividend road map, Country Reports highlight existing strategies at national and regional levels including identification of gaps.</p> <p>2. Analyze and synthesize data on population and development in Africa based on e-resources, country regional and global reports</p> <p>3. Review population status reports from member states of AUC in order to identify population issues of concern to member states, as well contentious and diverging issues</p>	<p>(10 days)</p> <p>CONSULTANT</p>
PHASE3 Survey Monkey		
D. Survey Monkey	<p>8.</p> <p>1. Upload online questionnaire at regional and national levels for member states and other partners</p> <p>2. Return of completed questionnaires</p> <p>2. Follow up on member states and partners to ensure a high response rate</p>	<p>10 February 2019</p> <p>(1 Day)</p> <p>12-15 February 2019</p> <p>(3 Days)</p> <p>18 -20 February (2 Days)</p> <p>CONSULTANT</p>
E. Data Cleaning, Analysis and writing of Draft Report	1. Data entry, coding and analysis	<p>21 – 22 February 2019</p> <p>(2 days)</p>
	2. Report drafting and submit first draft report to EAC Secretariat for distribution to partner states	<p>22 -28 February 2019</p> <p>(11 Days)</p> <p>CONSULTANT</p>
	3. Review and provide written comments on the draft report to the consultant by email.	<p>1 – 10 March 2019</p> <p>(10 Days)</p> <p>AUC Secretariat, Member States and Partners</p>
VALIDATION WORKSHOP AT AUC SECRETARIAT?		



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F. Validation Workshop, Finalization of Report and Submission	13. Travel to ADDIS	Date to be determined by AUC Secretariat
	14. Facilitate stakeholders' consultation/validation workshop in Addis	12 – 15 March 2019 3 Days) AUC Secretariat) in consultation with CONSULTANT
	15. Travel to Nairobi/Kenya	
	16. Incorporate comments from the validation process, finalize and submit Report	CONSULTANT (4 days)
	TOTAL WORKING DURATION	66 DAYS
CAP LAUNCHES		
G. CAP Launches	CPD, New York	1-7 April 2019 CONSULTANT
	CAP Regional Launches Cairo (Egypt), Johannesburg (South Africa), Madagascar and Kenya (Civil Society Engagement)	July- August 2019 (Dates to be determined)



PROPOSED OUTLINE OF THE REPORT

- I. Table of Contents
- II. Acronyms
- III. Acknowledgements
- IV. Executive Summary

1. Background

- 1.1 Introduction
- 1.2 Objectives of the Report
- 1.3 Methodology
- 1.4 Structure of the Report

2. Analysis and Synthesis of Data on Population Dynamics of Africa

- 2.1 Introduction
- 2.2 Population Size and age structure
- 2.3 Trends in Fertility and Family Planning (with special focus on teenage pregnancy)
- 2.4 Trends in Mortality (infant, under 5, adult and maternal mortality)
- 2.5 Trends in Migration and Urbanization (where data is available)

3. Emerging Issues in Population and Development in Africa

This chapter will focus on the emerging issues in Population and Development in Africa as identified by not only the expert group meeting and the meeting of Ministers or Senior Government Officials in charge of population issues but also those derived through synthesis of reports and interviews with various stakeholders. The critical concerns and analysis shall include but not limited to the following topical issues:

- 3.1 Climate Change
- 3.2 Aging, care of the elderly, and long term care
- 3.3 The link between technical and vocational training for youth,
- 3.4 Access to financing for women and youth
- 3.5 An analysis of the continental brain drain
- 3.6 The imbalance between population growth and GDP
- 3.7 Demographic dividend with the provision of concrete recommendation
- 3.8 Consensus on what unites us as Africans
- 3.9 An analysis on the prevalence of cervical cancer

These topical areas cut across several population and development thematic pillars outlined in the Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development in Africa, namely: dignity and human rights; health; mobility and place; governance and accountability, and sustainability pillars respectively.

4. Review of Status of Implementation of the continental and International Instruments

- 4.1 ICPD Programme of Action



4.2 Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development +5

4.3 Agenda 2063

4.4 Africa Health Strategy, Maputo Plan of Action (2016-2030)

4.5 Sustainable Development Goals (2016-2030)

4.6 SRHR Framework

5. Population Issues of Concern to Member States of AUC

5.1 Country

5.2 Region

5.3 Continent

6. Contentious Population Issues of Member States of AUC

6.1 Country

6.2 Region

6.3 Continent

7 Diverging but not contentious Issues of Member States of AUC

7.1 Country

7.2 Region

7.3 Continent

8. Summary, Conclusion and Recommendations

8.1 Summary

8.2 Conclusion

8.3 Recommendations

REFERENCES

APPENDICES