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Commission on Population
and Development
(CPD)





About CPD



- Meets every year since 1994 (1 week in April)
- Negotiates an outcome each year, based on a priority theme of that year
- Participation of CSOs with ECOSOC consultative status: written and oral statements + take part in sessions
- 47 Member States in Commission for 4 years (right to vote), but all MS can join in negotiations
- Bureau made up of 5 members, representing regional groups. Elected on annual basis





CPD 11-15 April 2016



- Priority theme
“Strengthening the demographic evidence base for the post-2015 development agenda”
- Review of Methods of Work
- Members of the Bureau: Zambia (chair), Iran, Romania, Mexico and Germany (vice chairs)





CPD: What is a stake?



- **Negotiated outcome on the priority theme**
 - CPD 48: for the first time in history no resolution
 - Topics for discussion: foreign occupation, language on CSE, gender equality, families and the paragraphs on sexual and reproductive health and rights issues
 - Forward looking agenda
- **Review of Methods of Work**





Methods of Work



- Determines how CPD will function in coming years & what will be discussed
 - Civil society participation
- Determines the political relevance of the PoA: will it have any political weight? What will be its mandate?
- Determines the relation with accountability, monitoring and review of the SDGs





Methods of Work - Advocacy



- Stronger role for civil society
- Maintaining CPD as a forum for negotiations
- Role of CPD in monitoring the SDGs targets related to ICPD
 - Yes, we support linkages with the SDGs
 - But: The role of CPD should not become limited to reviewing the SDGs! The CPD's remit is to monitor implementation of the ICPD PoA.





Methods of Work - Advocacy



- CPD should consist of a set of core themes that repeat every few years and are based on gaps, challenges
- CPD should have more space for learning and sharing best practices – technical sessions
- Ministerial segment session (like CSW)
- CPD should not hold the plenary and negotiations at the same time
 - Member states lack capacity to participate in both
 - Statements in plenary are not reflected in negotiations





Timeline 49th CPD



- Unedited version of the concept note on methods of work and SG reports were expected to be out January 27
- **Methods of work resolution**
 - The zero draft will be available on **March 8**
 - Negotiations (informals) will start on **March 29**
- **Resolution on the priority theme**
 - The draft will be available **March 15**
 - Negotiations (informals) will start on **April 4**, one week before the opening of the Commission.

