

**National Research Council Committee on Population**  
**Workshop on Recent Trends in Fertility in Sub-Saharan Africa**  
June 15-16, 2015

**Room 120, National Academy of Science Building**  
**2101 Constitution Avenue, NW**  
**Washington, DC**

**Draft Agenda**  
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**Day 1, June 15**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Participants</b>
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome, introductions, and workshop overview	Peter Donaldson and Tom Plewes
	<b>Session 1: 9:30 – 10:45</b> <b>Trends in Fertility in sub-Saharan Africa</b>	<b>Jacob Adetunji, Chair and Discussant</b>
9:30 – 10:00	Africa's unique fertility transition	John Bongaarts
10:00 – 10:30	Fertility within Africa: regional and national trends	Ann Biddlecom
10:30 – 10:45	Discussion	Jacob Adetunji
	<b>Session 2: 10:45 – 1:00</b> <b>The Consequences of African Fertility Trends</b>	<b>Jean-François Kobiane, Chair and Discussant</b>
10:45 – 11:15	Problems posed by a slow fertility decline and continued population growth in sub-Saharan Africa	John Cleland
11:15 – 11:40	Morning break	
11:40 – 12:10	Opportunities arising from demographic changes in sub-Saharan Africa	David Lam and Murray Leibbrandt
12:10 – 12:40	Population change and the demographic dividend in sub-Saharan Africa	David Canning
12:40 – 1:00	Discussion	Jean-François Kobiane
	<b>Lunch: 1:00 – 2:00</b>	
	<b>Session 3: 2:00 – 5:00</b> <b>Trends in Reproductive Behavior in Africa</b>	<b>Cheikh Mbacke, Chair and Discussant</b>
2:00 – 2:30	Reproductive preferences and their implementation	John Casterline and Samuel Agyei-Mensah
2:30 – 3:00	Childbearing patterns: the importance of birth spacing and postponement	Ian Timaeus and Tom Moultrie

3:00 – 3:30	The fertility impact of marriage patterns	Véronique Hertrich
3:30 – 3:50	Afternoon break	
3:50 – 4:20	Socio-economic trends and their impact on fertility	Parfait Eloundou-Enyegue
4:20 – 4:40	Discussion	Cheikh Mbacke
4:40 – 5:00	Day one wrap-up and implications	Peter Donaldson and Tom Plewes
6:30	Dinner for Participants and Guests Members Room National Academy of Sciences	Robert Hauser, Host

## Day 2, June 16

	<b>Session 4: 9:00 – 12:00</b> <b>The Effects of Contraceptive Practice</b>	<b>Elizabeth Lule, Chair and Discussant</b>
9:00 – 9:30	The impact of contraceptive use, abortion, and breastfeeding on fertility	Susheela Singh and Akin Bankole
9:30 – 10:00	The role of traditional methods in family planning in Africa	Clementine Rossier
10:00 – 10:30	Contraceptive preferences and practices	Amy Tsui and Win Brown
10:30 – 10:55	Morning break	
10:55 – 11:30	Urbanization, slum populations, unmet need, and family planning among the urban poor	Donatien Beguy, Blessing Mberu and Alex Ezeh
11:30 – 12:00	Discussion	Elizabeth Lule
	<b>Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00</b>	
	<b>Session 5: 1:00 – 5:00</b> <b>Policy Options and Opportunities</b>	<b>Jotham Musinguzi, Chair and Discussant</b>
1:00 – 1:30	Fertility transitions in Kenya and Ghana: trends, determinants and implications for policy and programs	Ian Askew and Maggwa Baker Ndugga
1:30 – 2:00	Politics of population and family planning policies and programs	John May
2:00 – 3:15	Panel: Donor perspectives on stalled fertility and its implications in sub-Saharan Africa	Win Brown, Gates Fdn Sahlu Haile, Packard Fdn Ellen Starbird, USAID Tim Evans, World Bank Jane Edmondson DFID (Invited)

3:15 – 3:40	Afternoon break	
3:40 – 4:45	Panel: Scientific perspectives on stalled fertility and its implications in sub-Saharan Africa	Julia DaVanzo Alex Ezeh James Phillips Eliya Zulu
4:45 – 5:15	Workshop Wrap-Up: Dissemination and Publication Plans	Peter Donaldson and Tom Plewes