The host country organizes special sessions focusing on population issues of particular relevance to the country and region. These sessions provide an excellent opportunity for host country scholars to present their work to an international audience and compare regional issues and approaches with those of other countries and regions.

The international, national, and local press agencies are invited to attend the Conference and cover the research for local and national news outlets to draw the public’s attention to current population issues and research. Local and national host country government officials, NGOs and others working on population issues are also encouraged to participate.

Languages

The official working language of the International Population Conference is English but simultaneous translation is also provided in the host country language and/or in French.
The last IUSSP International Population Conference took place in Marrakech, Morocco from 27 September to 2 October 2009 and included:

- 2,300 participants from 128 countries
- 850 scientific papers presented in oral presentations
- 565 poster communications
- 219 regular sessions
- 66 exhibit booths
- 460 side meetings and training sessions
- 2,300 participants from 128 countries
- 129 high fertility and poverty in developing countries
- 129 potential for low fertility
- 129 population and climate change
- 129 international and internal migration and the integration of migrants
- 129 changing household and family arrangements

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Why organize an International Population Conference?

- Draw attention to critical population issues and inform local leaders and policy makers of the latest scientific research on those issues.
- Strengthen host country research and training institutions and their links to international research networks.
- Provide an opportunity for local scholars and students as well as those from local organizations and governments to hear cutting-edge research and engage in international debates and discussion on population and health issues.
- Attract over 3,000 scholars and policy makers from around the world and their accompanying family members and friends to the host city for a week or more of visits and sightseeing.

How to become a host country organizer?

The host country organizer is expected to handle local arrangements and costs for the Conference. Host country organizers can be a governmental or private institution, a national population association, or a group of institutions. A multi-country collaboration can also be proposed.

The Conference is governed by an International Organizing Committee (IOC) chaired by the President of the National Organizing Committee (NOC). The IOC is composed of:

- IUSSP Council members
- 2-4 representatives of the NOC
- 2 or office representatives from the United Nations (UNFAA and UN Population Division)

Past sponsors of the International Population Conference

- UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA))
- French National Personnel Fund (CNAV)
- Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ville de Tours, France
- Conseil régional du Loiret, France
- Moroccan High Commission for Planning
- Novartis
- Pfizer

About the IUSSP

With over 2,900 members, the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) is a professional association that brings together researchers, students, policy makers and others from diverse disciplinary, professional, academic, applied and policy backgrounds to cooperate on a wide range of population issues underpinning economic, human and social development.

The IUSSP's main goal is to foster relations between persons engaged in the study of demography in all countries of the world, and stimulate interest in demographic matters among governments, national and international organizations, scientists and the general public (Article 1.2, IUSSP Constitution).

Governance. The IUSSP is governed by its Council elected by the membership for a four-year period. The Council for 2010-2013 consists of: Peter McDonald (Australia), President, Anastasia Gage (Sierra Leone/USA) Vice President, Emily Grundy (United Kingdom) Secretary General and Treasurer, Eileen Crimmins (USA), Alex Ezeh (Nigeria), Virginie Hetzel (France), Shireen Jafary (Turkey), Palmira Judovic (Montenegro), Munna Khanuja (Pakistan/USA), Tom Le Barbard (Canada/USA), Cheikh Mbacké (Senegal), Alberto Paloni (Italy/USA), Catherine Rollot (France).

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