Bangkok, Thailand, 25–26 February 2019

The Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) of the United Nations, the International Institute for Applied System Analysis (IIASA), and Chulalongkorn University, in collaboration with the Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), are organizing an international expert group meeting entitled “Measuring population ageing: Bridging Research and Policy”.

Population ageing is a well-established global demographic trend. Understanding and measuring ageing in different contexts, has important implications for international comparisons, the assessment of trends over time, and the design and implementation of national development policies and programmes. Recently, new approaches to the measurement of population ageing have been developed. The use of these new approaches affects our perception of the extent of ageing in the future. This has implications for the follow-up and review of international global action plans, such as the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) as well as the successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals.

The meeting will bring together experts from governments, international organizations, research institutions, civil society organizations, and the media to discuss key questions related to the measurement of population ageing, including traditional and new approaches. Participants will assess the scope and limitations of these measurements to support national policy design and implementation. The meeting will further assess the scope of these measurements to support the regional and global review of progress in the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, as noted above.

In line with the respective mandates of the United Nations entities and IIASA, the meeting will contribute to an enhanced understanding of ageing and its implications for development policy at the national, regional and global levels.
Event information:

Title: United Nations Expert Group Meeting: “Measuring population ageing: Bridging Research and Policy”

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Location: Bangkok, Thailand

Event website: www.iiasa.ac.at/pop/ageing

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Registration: Registration is required. Please register at www.iiasa.ac.at/pop/ageing

Fees: There are no participation fees, but the participants are expected to arrange and cover their own travel and accommodation expenses.

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