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Biodata of speakers

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Yves Charbit is Director of the Centre for Population and Development (CEPED) and of the Institute for Development and International Solidarity. He is also a Professor at Paris Descartes University. His fields of research and expertise focus on socio-demographic trends and the links between population and development. In his career he has worked as an expert for various multilateral and bilateral organisations, including UNFPA, UNESCO, UNICEF, UNDP, the World Bank, USAID and the French Cooperation, in several developing countries, chiefly in Africa and south-east Asia. He has studied sociology, economics and political science and has been awarded a Doctorate by Oxford University and Paris 5 University.

He is a founder member of the *Revue Européenne des Migrations Internationales* as well as Director of the Populations collection (L'Harmattan) and the Demographic Transformation and Socio-Economic Development collection (Springer). He has published several books and scientific articles, in particular on the subject of international migration and in the field of population theories and doctrines.

Neil Datta - European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development (EPFDP)

Neil Datta holds a Master's Degree in European Public Administration from the College of Europe in Bruges and a Bachelor of Arts in History and Languages from the State University of New York at Binghamton. In 2000, he together with a select group of Parliamentarians founded the European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development and since 2004 has served as its Secretary. In this capacity he is responsible for supporting the creation of all-party parliamentary groups on population and development in over 20 Parliaments in Europe and in guiding European Parliamentary policy and funding actions on population, development and reproductive health. With over ten years experience in the field of political involvement in population and development, Neil Datta also currently serves as the co-chair of the Resource Mobilisation and Awareness Working Group of the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition and serves on the Advisory Board of the Women Deliver initiative. Previously, Neil Datta coordinated the Parliamentary Programme of the International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network.

Carl Haub - Population Reference Bureau

Carl Haub is a senior demographer and holder of the Conrad Taeuber Chair of Population Information at the Population Reference Bureau in Washington where he has been employed since 1979. He is the author of numerous articles, demographic studies, and publications on U.S. and global population trends. Beginning in 1980, he has prepared the annual World Population Data Sheet, a widely circulated world population data source. His recent publications include the Population Bulletins, The Global Demographic Divide, India's Population Reality: Reconciling Change and Tradition, and a series of long-range projections of the population of the states of India. His international experience includes work in Belarus, Germany, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Seychelles, Trinidad and Tobago, Viet Nam, and Zambia, funded by private foundations, USAID, and the World Bank. Most recently, he served on the United Nations Expert Group on Recent and Future Trends in Fertility. Mr. Haub has also worked in the field of demography at the National Academy of Sciences, the World Bank, and the U.S. Bureau of the Census. He holds a B.A. degree in Political Science and a M.A. degree in Demography from Georgetown University

Mona Herbert – German Foundation for World Population (DSW), Uganda

Since June 2006 M. Herbert is Advocacy Manager for the German Foundation for World Population (DSW). He previously he worked as GTZ Technical Programme Officer attached to the Uganda Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development and before as Producer in charge of Development broadcasting Ugandan Television and as a consultant for several organizations, among which the British Council. His professional experience ranges from managing media campaigns and designing improved communication approaches to communication, public relations and advocacy, notably in the field of children and youth.

M. Herbert holds a MA in Youth Community Studies from Brunel University London and a Degree in Democracy and Development Studies from the Uganda Martyrs University. He is a member of the Y.E.A.H Technical Advisory Team (TAT) commissioned by the Uganda AIDS Commission.

Wolfgang Lutz - International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

Prof. Wolfgang Lutz is leader of the World Population Program of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), director of the Vienna Institute of Demography (VID) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Professor of Applied Statistics at the WU-Vienna and Professorial Research Fellow at Oxford University. He is Co-Principal Investigator of the Asian MetaCentre for Population and Sustainable Development and served as chair of the scientific program committee of the African Population and Health Research Centre (APHRC) in Nairobi. He also served as Secretary General of the IUSSP (International Union for the Scientific Study of Population) and is the only expert in population and development to receive the prestigious new European Research Council (ERC) Advanced Investigator Grant. He has written/edited 22 scientific books and published over 200 articles in scientific journals (including seven in Science and Nature). His most recent book is entitled "The End of World Population Growth: New Challenges for Human Capital Formation and Sustainable Development in the 21st Century".

Hansjörg Neun - CTA

Since May 2005, German-born Dr Hansjörg Neun, became Director of CTA. He holds a PhD. in social and economic sciences. He is the author of a thesis on "transfers of technical cooperation development projects to developing countries". With considerable field experience in Africa (especially in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia and Egypt), Dr Neun has managed projects and major programmes for German and European technical development agencies. He is also skilled in negotiating with governments, donors and international institutions. In addition, he has a wide-

ranging knowledge of rural development, food security and natural resource management issues. He also has hands-on experience of agriculture - while still very young he worked on his family's flower and vegetable market garden in Germany. Before taking the helm at CTA, Dr Neun was employed as Advisor at Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

George Ouma - German Foundation for World Population (DSW), Kenya

George Ouma, from Kenya, has an university qualification and an academic interest in health sciences focused on community and health psychology, as well as diplomas in related fields including medical lab technology, medical health and counselling psychology, community development and project management, chemical addiction counselling and management and development of RH programs. Mr. Currently the coast regional program officer for German Foundation for World Population (DSW) Kenya M. Ouma has worked in the NGO sector for the last 6 years managing and implementing health and development related programs at the grass root level. In his current position Mr. Ouma is responsible for the overall implementation and management of the DSW programs at the regional level in addition developing programs, resource mobilization and initiating partnerships with stakeholders. George Ouma and his colleagues are developing a youth empowerment program which could have a great impact sustaining youth development at the rural level.

Sietske Steneker - United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Sietske Steneker is the Director of the Brussels office of UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, an international development agency that promotes the right of every woman, man and child to enjoy a life of health and equal opportunity.

Ms. Steneker is a national of the Netherlands. Previously, she has worked as UNFPA Representative in the Russian Federation, Honduras and El Salvador.

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