



## ASEAN-UNFPA Forum on Population Dynamics and Development 2025

November 10-11, 2025

Venue: Dewan Tun Dr. Ismail, World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur

### Agenda

#### Monday, November 10: Harnessing Opportunities Across Generations

Time	Session	Speakers
08.30 – 09.00	Registration	
09.00 – 09.45	<b>Opening session</b>	
	Playing of the ASEAN Anthem	
09.05 – 09.10	Welcome speech	Dr. Julitta Onabanjo Representative, UNFPA Malaysia, and Country Director, UNFPA Thailand
09.10 – 09.20	Opening remarks	H.E. Dr Kao Kim Hourn, Secretary- General of ASEAN ( <i>Pre-recorded</i> )
09.20 – 09.30		H.E. Dato' Shaharuddin bin Abu Sohot Secretary General, Ministry of Tourism, Arts, and Culture, Government of Malaysia, and Chair of Senior Officials' Committee for ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (SOCA)
09.30 – 09.35		YB Dato' Dr. Ramli bin Dato' Mohd Nor, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, Parliament of Malaysia
09.35 – 09.40	Performance by percussion troupe	
09.40 – 09.45	Photographs	
09.45 – 10.15	<b>Opening keynote and scene-setting:</b> ASEAN at a demographic crossroads: Navigating change, seizing opportunities	Dr. Aleksandar Sasha Bodiroza Deputy Regional Director, UNFPA Asia-Pacific Regional Office, Bangkok
10.15 – 10.45	Coffee break	
10.45 – 11.25	<b>Topical keynote:</b> From youth bulge to ageing societies - Turning challenges into opportunities	Prof. Philip O'Keefe Professor of Practice, and Director of the Ageing Asia Research Hub, Centre for Population Ageing Research (CEPAR), University of New South

		Wales (UNSW) Business School, Sydney
11.25 – 11.35	<b>Introduction to breakout discussion groups</b>	
11.35 – 12.35	<p><b>Breakout discussion groups on Ageing:</b> Policy innovations for care, inclusion, and active ageing</p> <p><i>Each group will be guided by a Facilitator who will steer the discussion around the thematic questions:</i></p> <p>Drawing on the issues raised in the keynote, what are the key priority areas that have been identified in your country's policies and/or national development plans?</p> <p>Are there barriers that currently limit progress in advancing these priority areas, for example, technical capacity, data, partnerships, financing, etc.?</p> <p>Are there policy approaches, programmatic initiatives, or innovations in other sectors or in other countries that offer lessons or inspiration for advancing progress in this area in your country?</p> <p>What forms of technical support or collaborations (e.g., knowledge exchange, data and analytical support and capacity building, research and evaluation, or partnerships) would help accelerate progress in these areas?</p>	<p>Facilitators:</p> <p>Mr. Amir Isyam, Managing Director and Chief Training Officer, IM Possible Solutions</p> <p>Mr. Chai Sen Tyng, Senior Research Officer, Malaysian Research Institute on Ageing</p> <p>Dr. Liem Nguyen, Programme Manager on Social Welfare, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia</p> <p>Dr. Kyaw Min Soe, Head of Policy Advocacy, IEC, and Capacity Building, ASEAN Centre for Active Ageing and Innovation</p> <p>Ms. Pressia Arifin-Cabo Principal Liaison for ASEAN, and Policy and Strategic Partnership Adviser, UNFPA Asia-Pacific Regional Office</p> <p>Dr. Abhijit Visaria Technical Adviser, Population Dynamics, UNFPA Asia-Pacific Regional Office, Bangkok</p>
12.35 – 13.00	<p><b>Report-back from breakout discussion groups</b></p> <p><i>A Rapporteur from each group will consolidate the main discussion points and present the key insights to the wider plenary.</i></p>	Rapporteurs: TBD
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch	
14.00 – 14.45	<b>Topical keynote:</b> Realizing the demographic dividend - Investing at	Dr. Wei-Jun Jean Yeung Director of Social Sciences, A*STAR Institute of Human Development and

	younger ages, employment, engagement, education and skills	Potential, and Professor at Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore
14.45 – 15.45	<b>Breakout discussion groups on investing at younger ages:</b> Policy innovations for education and skills, livelihoods, and inclusive participation  <i>All discussion groups will use the same set of thematic questions introduced in the first session.</i>	Facilitators: Same as above
15.45 – 16.15	Coffee break	
16.15 – 16.45	<b>Report-back from breakout discussion groups</b>	Rapporteurs: TBD
16.45 – 17.15	<b>Summary and reflections:</b> National reflections; policy priorities; key takeaways; bilateral and multilateral areas for collaboration	YB Howard Lee Chuan How Member of Parliament for Ipoh Timur, Parliament of Malaysia, and Secretary-General of the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development
19.00	<b>Departure for dinner reception</b>	<i>A dedicated shuttle service between the World Trade Centre and Parliament for the dinner reception will be provided <b>for delegates who have selected this option.</b></i>
19.30 – 21.00	<b>Dinner reception at:</b>  Parliament of Malaysia Jalan Parlimen, 50680 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	<b>Dress code:</b> Business formal/National dress/Batik  <i>Note: Please bring along your ID (NRIC for Malaysians &amp; Passport for non-Malaysians) for entry into Parliament, in case needed on the day.</i>

### **Tuesday, November 11: Fertility, Family, and Mobility: Choices and Priorities**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
09.00 – 09.45	<b>Topical keynote:</b> Understanding fertility decline in ASEAN - Trends and drivers	Dr. Abhijit Visaria Technical Adviser, Population Dynamics, UNFPA Asia-Pacific Regional Office, Bangkok
09.45 – 10.45	<b>Breakout discussion tables on Fertility:</b> Fertility intentions and barriers to family formation	Facilitators: Same as above

	<i>All discussion groups will use the same set of thematic questions introduced in the first session.</i>	
10.45 – 11.15	<b>Report-back from breakout discussion groups</b>	Rapporteurs: TBD
11.15 – 11.45	Coffee break	
11.45 – 12.45	<b>Breakout discussion groups on Family:</b> Building family-friendly societies  <i>All discussion groups will use the same set of thematic questions introduced in the first session.</i>	Facilitators: Same as above
12.45 – 13.15	<b>Report-back from breakout discussion groups</b>	Rapporteurs: TBD
13.15 – 14.15	Lunch	
14.15 – 15.00	<b>Topical keynote:</b> Migration, mobility, and geographical inequality in population dynamics	Dr. Reiko Hayashi Director-General, National Institute of Population and Social Security Research, Tokyo
15.00 – 16.00	<b>Breakout discussion groups on Migration:</b> Mobility, inclusion, and regional development  <i>All discussion groups will use the same set of thematic questions introduced in the first session.</i>	Facilitators: Same as above
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee break	
16.30 – 17.00	<b>Report-back from breakout discussion groups</b>	Rapporteurs: TBD
17.00 – 17.15	<b>Closing session</b> Closing remarks	Ms. Pressia Arifin-Cabo Principal Liaison for ASEAN, and Policy and Strategic Partnership Adviser, UNFPA Asia-Pacific Regional Office  H.E. Maria Angela A. Ponce Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to Malaysia