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**VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON FAMILY PLANNING, WOMEN'S
EMPOWERMENT, AND POPULATION AND SOCIETAL IMPACTS**

September 24-25, 2020

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

10:00-10:10 am EDT **Welcome and goals for the workshop**

MALAY MAJMUNDAR, Director, Committee on Population
ANN BLANC, Steering Committee Chair, Population Council

10:10-10:20 am EDT **Background on the workshop**

WIN BROWN, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

10:20-11:30 am EDT **The role of fertility decline and women's empowerment in
economic development and in other population and societal
changes**

Moderator: AMY TSUI, Johns Hopkins University (emerita)

This session will focus on questions such as:

- What is the link between fertility change and economic development, especially at the macro level?
- What is the role of women's empowerment as an intervening variable?
- What do we know about the relationship between changes in the role of and status of women in developing countries, and economic growth?
- Has access to family planning mattered?

JOCELYN FINLAY, Harvard University

NAILA KABEER, London School of Economics

SEEMA JAYACHANDRAN, Northwestern University

11:30-11:45 am EDT **Break**

11:45 am - 1:15 pm
EDT

Measuring women's empowerment

Moderator: MAYRA BUVINIC, United Nations Foundation

This session will focus on questions such as:

- What are the ways in which women's empowerment is measured and operationalized?
 - At what level is empowerment measured
 - Proxies for measuring women's agency

USHMA UPADHYAY, University of California, San Francisco

SONALDE DESAI, University of Maryland

KATHRYN YOUNT, Emory University

ALETHEIA DONALD, Africa Gender Innovation Lab, World Bank

1:15-2:10 pm EDT

Break

2:10-3:20 pm EDT

Ways of addressing current data limitations

Moderator: NANCY BIRDSALL, Center for Global Development

This session will focus on questions such as:

- What are the key data sources for studying the relationship between contraceptive use, fertility, and women's empowerment?
- What are the key data limitations, and how might they be addressed?

PHILIP ANGLEWICZ, Johns Hopkins University

ANITA RAJ, University of California, San Diego

SUNITA KISHOR, ICF International

3:20-3:30 pm EDT

Wrap-up Day 1 and plans for Day 2

ANN BLANC, Steering Committee Chair, Population Council

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

10:00-11:20 am EDT

Family planning, fertility, and women's empowerment in low- and middle-income countries

Moderator: ALEX EZEH, Drexel University

This session will focus on the extent to which the nexus between family planning, fertility, and women's empowerment vary within and across low- and middle-income countries.

YANA VAN DER MEULEN RODGERS, Rutgers University

YOHANNES WADO, African Population and Health Research Center, Nairobi, Kenya

ZEBBA SATHAR, Population Council, Islamabad, Pakistan

NDOLA PRATA, University of California, Berkeley

11:20-11:30 am EDT

Break

11:30 am - 12:30 pm
EDT

Mechanisms of attitude change

Moderator: JOCELYN FINLAY, Harvard University

This session will focus on questions such as:

- What are the mechanisms by which changes in attitudes toward and opportunities for girls and women affect changes in attitudes toward and use of contraceptives (and vice versa)
- What are the non-economic benefits of changing social norms
- What have we learned from recent experimental research

SAJEDA AMIN, Population Council

SARAH BAIRD, George Washington University

RAJIV RIMAL, Johns Hopkins University

12:30-1:00 pm EDT

Break

1:00-2:10 pm EDT

Foundation and Agency Programs and Priorities

Moderator: SUNITA KISHOR, ICF International

ALTHEA ANDERSON, Hewlett Foundation

BENOIT KALASA, United Nations Population Fund

TAMARA KREININ, Packard Foundation

AFEEFA ABDUR-RAHMAN, Office of Population and Reproductive Health, USAID (Contractor)

ANN STARRS, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

2:10-3:30 pm EDT

Summary of key themes and next steps to move the field forward

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SUNITA KISHOR, ICF International

JOCELYN FINLAY, Harvard University

ALEX EZEH, Drexel University

MAYRA BUVINIC, United Nations Foundation

NANCY BIRDSALL, Center for Global Development

ANN BLANC, Steering Committee Chair, Population Council

3:30 pm EDT

Adjourn
