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Call for Chairs - UAPS Thematic panels

Terms of References

Since its inception, UAPS has promoted Thematic Panels as a way to involve members in advancing research and knowledge generation on specific themes and to participate in the activities of the Union. To date, the Union has 5 scientific panels: 1) **Fertility**, 2) **Gender**, 3) **Environment**, 4) **Census**, and 5) **Capabilities Approach in population studies** that reflect the research priorities of its members. In general, the duration of a panel is four years but some panels may have shorter duration if they have limited scope of activities. If necessary, the Council may extend the duration of a panel to enable completion of planned activities.

In line with this effort, the UAPS Council is seeking suggestions from UAPS members to be or nominate the Chairs of its two Thematic Panels on **Gender**, and **Environment**. Panel chairs are recognized experts in the theme of the panel and may be proposed by UAPS members (include name, affiliation and email address). His/her consent must be sought beforehand. To note, the Council will make the final decision regarding the appointment of a chair.

Interested UAPS members are encouraged to apply or to propose other members to be the chair of one of these two panels. Please provide a 1-2 page document outlining the following:

1. **Expertise:** Please briefly describe your expertise in the area, highlighting why you should be considered to be the chair of the panel. You may also provide a short justification of the relevance of the topic, and highlight how you will advance existing knowledge in the area as chair of the panel.
2. **Work Plan:** Provide a work plan for the panel, providing the timing (even broad) of each planned activity. Panels are often encouraged to organize seminars (through face-to-face meetings or video-conference). It is strongly encouraged to publish proceedings of such seminars in a special issue of a journal (e.g. the African Population Studies journal), or in different journals. Policy engagement activities should be planned for policy-relevant outputs. A panel can also organize training workshops or sessions at international conferences such as the APC, IUSSP, and PAA conferences.
3. **Expected Outputs:** Specify the outputs anticipated from the panel's activities. Identify potential publishers or journals if a special issue of a journal or a book is envisaged as one of the panel's outputs.

4. **Membership:** Apart from the chair, panels should have no more than 5 members who should be all UAPS members. Panel teams should be gender sensitive and geographically representative. Names of members may be suggested later but only after they agree to be member of the panels. Panels are encouraged to involve junior population scientists in their activities by encouraging attendance and participation in selected activities.
5. **Funding:** The Union does not have dedicated funding for Scientific Panels although it seeks funding to fully or partially support the activities of its Scientific Panels. Panel chairs are therefore highly encouraged to actively seek funding for their panel's activities, in coordination with the Council. Please provide your experience in fundraising for research activities, and how you will plan to work the Council to fund the panel's activities.

Nominations should be addressed to the Vice President of the UAPS Council at uaps@uaps-uepa.org on or before **15 July 2017**.