**Call for UAPS Scientific Panel Suggestions**

Since its inception, UAPS has promoted Thematic Panels to advance research and knowledge generation on specific themes as part of the Union’s scientific activities. Past scientific panels were organized around the following themes: 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 new UAPS Council is seeking suggestions from UAPS members for new thematic panels for the period 2020-2023. Interested UAPS members are encouraged to provide a 3-5-page document outlining the following:

1. **Title of the scientific panel (short and self-explanatory):**
2. **Importance and rationale of the panel:** Please provide a brief paragraph explaining the rationale and the relevance of the topic and highlight how the panel will advance existing knowledge in the area (maximum 500 words).
3. **Work Plan:** Provide a work plan for the panel, providing the timing (even broad) of each planned activity, resources needed/available, partners, and expected outputs. Panels are often encouraged to organize seminars (through face-to-face meetings or videoconference). 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. Please use the template provided (Excel document).
4. **Membership:** 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. Please indicate who will be the panel chair (s). Panel chairs should be recognized experts in the theme of the panel. To note, the Council will make the final decision regarding the appointment of a panel chair.
5. **Funding:** The Union does not have dedicated funding for scientific panels although it seeks funding to support fully or partially their activities. Panels are therefore highly encouraged to actively seek funding for their activities, in coordination with the Council. Please provide your experience in fundraising for research activities, and how you will plan to work with the Council to fund the panel’s activities.

The UAPS Council will make final decisions on all panels, including modifying or suggesting merging your suggested panel with those of other members. Panels that address new research and innovative methodologies or contribute to theory and policy are strongly encouraged.

Please complete the form below and send it to uaps@uaps-uepa.org .

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| **Title of the scientific panel (short and self-explanatory)**  |
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| **Importance and rationale of the panel (maximum 300 words)** |
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| **Work Plan:** Provide a detailed work plan for the panel for the period 2021-2023, providing relevant information for each planned activity (Use the attached Excel template).  |
| **Membership:** Please provide short bios and attach recent CVs of the panel members (indicate who will be the panel chair).  |
| **Funding:** Please provide your experience in fundraising for research activities, and how you will plan to work with the Council to fund the panel’s activities (maximum 500 words). |