**CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

***Union for African Population Studies (UAPS) Scientific Panel on Family Planning/Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (FP/SRHR) Thematic Lead***

**Context**

UAPS is a non-profit making Pan-African organization whose main objective is to promote the scientific study and application of research evidence in policy formulation and program improvement on population and development issues in Africa. Since its inception in 1984, UAPS has promoted Scientific Thematic Panels to advance research capacity building and policy dialogue, as well as knowledge generation on specific themes as part of the Union’s scientific activities. These thematic panelsreflect the research priorities of UAPS members. In general, the duration of a panel is four years, but some panels may have a shorter duration given a limited scope of activities. If necessary, the UAPS Council may extend the duration of a panel to enable the completion of planned activities. Functional panels are a basis for regular scientific meetings of African scholars working on relevant population and development issues in Africa.

**Establishment of Scientific Panel on Family Planning/Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights**

In addition to the already existent panels, the Council is establishing an additional panel focused on varying matters related to family planning and sexual reproductive health and rights (FP/SRHR) on the African continent. The panel is expected to be a platform for scientific discussions around the proposed theme, produce publications and reports related to the theme, and use their findings to engage with policymakers. The panel is grant-funded and is further expected to organize two topical seminars (one virtual and one face-to-face) during the 2-year lifespan of the grant. Outputs of these scientific meetings will be a meeting report and journal publications which will be published in the Journal of African Population Studies/Études sur la Population Africaine journal, a bilingual journal (English and French) the Union publishes in April and October each year. The panel will contribute to scientific knowledge in FP/SHRH issues, promote greater networking among UAPS scholars, as well as encourage collaborative research and policy partnerships.

We invite **UAPS members** to submit applications for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Family Planning/Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Theme.

**Eligibility**

1. Qualifications, experience, and expertise in the area of Family Planning/Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights.
2. Member of UAPS
3. Capacity to dedicate at least eight (8) hours per week to the panel
4. Description of why the applicant is the most suitable person to be the Chair or Vice-chair
5. Demonstrated strong communication and leadership skills
6. Demonstrated ability to fundraise for panel activities
7. Demonstrated ability to speak and write English and French will be an added advantage.

Please submit the following:

(1) A 2-page (maximum) Curriculum Vitae

(2) A 1-page (maximum) Expression of Interest addressing the following:

* Current role and responsibilities
* Experience and achievements in relation to Family Planning/Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights and/or the UAPS Mandate
* Involvement (previous and current) with other scientific panels (if any)
* Outline of expected management style of the panel

Please submit your applications, clearly stating which role you are applying for, together with the names of two references, by **midnight (GMT) of 30th June 2022** to [**uaps@uaps-uepa.org**](mailto:uaps@uaps-uepa.org)**.** Applications will be evaluated by a committee appointed by the Council and only successful candidates will be notified by **20th July 2022**. UAPS is an organisation that strongly encourages diversity and hence women and societal minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.

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