



UAPS NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the Q1 2026 edition of the UAPS Newsletter. This issue highlights the latest activities and milestones from the UAPS Secretariat, updates from our valued institutional members, a spotlight on our members, and a roundup of upcoming events across the continent. We hope this issue informs, inspires, and keeps our growing community connected.

SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES

HOST COUNTRY CALL FOR THE 10TH AFRICAN POPULATION CONFERENCE (APC)

UAPS officially launched the Call for Host Country for the 10th African Population Conference (APC), one of the continent's most prestigious convening platforms for population scientists, policymakers, and development stakeholders. Member states and institutions were invited to submit expressions of interest and full bid proposals to host this landmark event.



Submission Deadline: 31st March 2026



Expected Conference Year: 2028



Estimated Attendance: 1000 participants

We are pleased to share that the call has now closed, with several enthusiastic countries stepping forward to express their interest in hosting the APC.

The review committee is currently evaluating all submissions, and further updates will be shared in due course. Stay tuned!

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CALL FOR HOST COUNTRY PROPOSALS

HOST THE 10TH APC

The Union for African Population Studies (UAPS) invites national population associations, population-based organizations, government agencies, universities, or consortia of institutions to submit their proposals to host the prestigious 10th African Population Conference 2028; fostering collaboration and sharing innovative ideas on population and development across the continent.

10TH AFRICAN POPULATION CONFERENCE

Join us in shaping Africa's future by supporting this essential initiative and submitting your proposal today!

Proposal Due Date: 31st March 2026.

Send your proposals to
jacques.emina@gmail.com copy
ltgutabarwa@uaps-uepa.org



CALL FOR SPEAKERS: UAPS RESEARCH-TO-POLICY LABS

Do you have experience in any of the following
as an individual/institution?

- ✓ Developing and using policy briefs or evidence summaries
- ✓ Supporting research uptake/knowledge translation/advocacy
- ✓ Engaging policy actors (ministries, parliaments, agencies, TWGs, NGOs)
- ✓ Communicating evidence to non-technical audiences
- ✓ Real-world examples where research influenced policy or programs

Are you interested in serving as a speaker/facilitator
for one or more sessions in a Quarterly Webinar Series?

Submit your proposal to uaps@uaps-uepa.org
by Friday, 20 March 2026.

For more information, visit bit.ly/uaps-policy-lab.



CALL FOR SPEAKERS: RESEARCH-TO-POLICY LABS WEBINAR SERIES

UAPS launched a call for speakers for the Research-to-Policy Labs, a quarterly webinar series designed to strengthen members' capacity to translate research into clear, policy-relevant recommendations — and to engage policymakers with confidence and practical tools.

UAPS members — both individuals and institutions — were invited to apply as speakers or facilitators for one or more sessions in the series. Each session will feature a short skills module, a real-world case example, and an interactive segment where participants apply templates and tools in real time.

We are pleased to share that the call has now closed and are grateful for the enthusiastic response from members across the continent. Further updates on selected speakers and session dates will be shared in due course.

For more information about the series, visit www.uaps-uepa.org or write to uaps@uaps-uepa.org.

STATA TRICKS: A THREE-PART WEBINAR FOR AFRICAN GRADUATE STUDENTS

The American Institutes for Research (AIR) P3 Africa, in collaboration with the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) and UAPS, recently invited graduate students at African universities to a three-part webinar series on STATA tricks, the second of such events.

Hosted by Professor Sudhanshu Handa, Institute Fellow at AIR and Kenan Eminent Professor of Public Policy at the University of North Carolina, and featuring Dr. Paul Sirma, Researcher at UNICEF, the sessions were designed to help participants sharpen their data visualization and regression output presentation skills.

Participants gained practical knowledge and tools across three key areas: creating rich descriptive graphs including kernel densities and bar charts with overlays and confidence intervals; using OUTREG and OUTREG2 to produce journal-quality tables for research manuscripts; and accessing sample STATA code for hands-on practice.

The series ran over three consecutive Wednesdays — 9, 16, and 23 April 2026 — from 4:00–5:00PM EAT / 1:00–2:00 PM GMT, offering an accessible and practical learning experience for graduate students across the continent.

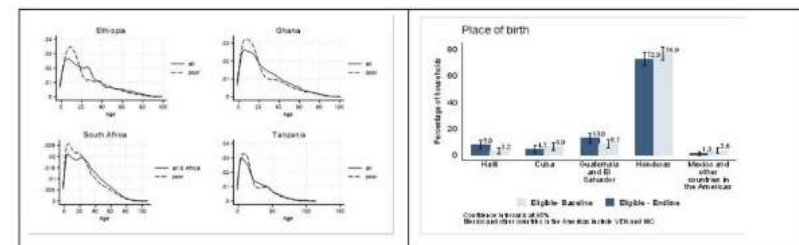


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What You'll Learn

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- ✓ Use OUTREG and OUTREG2 to produce journal-quality tables for research manuscripts
- ✓ Get access to sample STATA code for practice



Some of the STATA graphs we will tackle in the webinar



VICE PRESIDENT VISIT TO UAPS SECRETARIAT

UAPS Vice President, Prof. Jacques B. O. Emina, joined the Secretariat team in March 2026 for a strategic meeting focused on preparations for the 10th African Population Conference (APC). The engagement reflected the leadership's hands-on commitment to ensuring the conference is delivered to the highest standards. Discussions spanned a range of key priorities, including host country selection, budget planning, the constitution of the Resource Mobilisation Committee and International Scientific Committee.

The meeting also addressed partnership development and resource mobilisation, with key regional and international organisations identified for engagement. Communication and visibility strategies, including a promotional video and digital campaigns, were equally high on the agenda. The meeting reaffirmed UAPS leadership's resolve to ensure the 10th APC is inclusive, well- resourced, and impactful, with clear action points and timelines agreed upon to maintain momentum in the months ahead.



VIRTUAL CONFERENCE: UAPS/AIR P3 Africa Fellows Research Showcase

18th & 19th March 2026

🕒 12 PM UTC each day

→ **Registration link:** ←
https://air-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GTBkJw7QFelalZ2Vo4RuQ

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🌐 www.uaps-uepa.org

UAPS/AIR GRANTEES RESEARCH PROGRESS SHOWCASE

The UAPS/AIR P3 Africa Fellowship Programme continued to yield significant research outputs in Q1 2026, with 10 grantees presenting progress updates on their funded projects.

The showcase provided a platform for grantees to share findings, receive peer feedback from mentors and attendees, and explore pathways to publication and policy uptake.

Nissily Mushani	Double Vulnerability: Population Aging, Digital Exclusion, And Disaster Risk Among Older Adults In Rural Malawi
Sultan Hebo	Bridging the Gap: Identifying, Understanding, and Addressing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Access Disparities among Pastoralist Youth in Ethiopia
LoveAyamolowo	Implementing a Readiness-Based, Facility-Integrated Model to Enhance Postpartum Long-Acting-Reversible Contraceptive Uptake in Rural Osun State, Nigeria
Labite Mate Alonyenyio	Entrée précoce en vie sexuelle chez les adolescentes et jeunes filles en situation de crise sécuritaire au Burkina Faso : Environnement familial et soutien social
Anthony Agbeve Senanu	Period Poverty and Transformative Education in Ghana: Addressing Menstrual Health Inequities and Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights
Sunda Abatan	Bridging Traditional Knowledge and Modern Oncology: The Use of Alternative Medicine for Prostate Cancer Treatment Among Men in Ekiti State, Nigeria
Ngwibete Atenchong	Exploring Mental Health, Sexual Consent, and Male Agency Among Displaced Men in Benue State, Nigeria
Sinegugu Shongwe	Investigating the interplay between maternal oral health and food insecurity among pregnant women in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
Annif Akem Fiennasah	When Empowerment Meets Violence: The Moderating Role of Intimate Partner Violence on the Women's Economic Empowerment-Fertility Relationship in Six African Countries
Oloruntomiwa Ifedayo Oyetunde	Leveraging Mobile Health to improve Maternal and Mental Health Service Utilisation among Adolescent and Young Mothers (15-24) in Oyo state (LEMOM Study)

NEW SPECIAL ISSUE PUBLISHED: WEST AFRICA'S POPULATION ISSUES

UAPS is pleased to announce the publication of a special issue of the Journal of African Population Studies (JAPS) focused on population issues in West Africa, featuring selected papers presented at the 9th African Population Conference. **(Read issue here)**

Published on 19 March 2026 (Volume 38, Issue 2), the special issue brings together 11 peer-reviewed papers guest edited by Prof. Akanni Akinyemi and Dr. Obasanjo Bolarinwa, who also contributed a commentary to the issue.

Reflecting UAPS' commitment to linguistic inclusivity, the collection features contributions from both Anglophone and Francophone scholars across the region.

market integration, unpaid care work, modern contraception trends, gender-based violence among internally displaced persons, migration dynamics, and post-vaccine patterns of COVID-19 across the region.

This special issue represents an important contribution to the growing body of evidence on West Africa's population challenges and reaffirms UAPS' role as a leading platform for African population science.

The full issue is available on the JAPS platform. Members and partners are encouraged to read, share, and cite these important works.

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JOURNAL OF AFRICAN POPULATION STUDIES

West Africa's Population Issues

Special issue featuring selected papers from the 9th African Population Conference

11

papers published

2

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GUEST EDITORS

AA Prof. Akanni Akinyemi OB Dr. Obasanjo Bolarinwa

THEMATIC COVERAGE

Maternal health Displacement & migration Disability & sexual health Unpaid care work
Contraception trends Gender-based violence COVID-19 & health



WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA WORKSHOP ON CHILD MARRIAGE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Policymakers, researchers and development partners gathered in Dakar, Senegal from April 29 to May 1, 2026, to deliberate on population issues shaping the region's development trajectory. Hosted at Hotel Fleur des Lys and convened by UAPS, APHRC and PHERI, the three-day event brought together experts from across the region to strengthen the evidence base on these critical issues.

The workshop opened with a keynote address providing a regional overview of trends, drivers, and policy implications, followed by expert panels featuring voices from UNFPA, ECOWAS, WAHO, Girls Not Brides, Plan International, and government ministries. Authors presented their research concepts and received structured feedback through paper review clinics and one-on-one mentor

consultations aimed at raising the quality of manuscripts destined for a special issue of the Journal of African Population Studies (JAPS). The workshop conveyed about 50 participants including junior first authors, methods and method experts, implementers and reviewers, youth & CSO leaders, facilitators and representatives from AU, ECOWAS, UNICEF and UNFPA.

The conference featured plenary sessions, parallel thematic panels, and a special session on child marriage and sexual violence in West and Central Africa. The workshop concluded with a clear publication roadmap and renewed commitment among stakeholders to close the evidence gap on child marriage and gender-based violence across the region.

WHAT SHOULD GENDER EQUALITY MEAN TODAY IN OUR SOCIETIES?



THIS MARCH, LET US PAUSE AND REFLECT ON ONE QUESTION:

What should Gender Equality Mean in 2026?

Pour moi, l'Égalité de Genre aujourd'hui devrait signifier que les femmes disposent d'une véritable liberté de choix, sans être pénalisées pour leurs décisions. Elles devraient pouvoir choisir librement d'être mariées ou célibataires, d'avoir des enfants ou de ne pas en avoir, sans subir de jugement, de pression sociale ou de discrimination.



A contribution to the Gender Equality Scientific Thematic Panel

SCIENTIFIC THEMATIC PANEL ACTIVITIES

GENDER EQUALITY PANEL GATHERS DIVERSE VOICES ACROSS THE CONTINENT

Because gender equality is too often reduced to preconceived ideas and fixed positions, the Gender Equality Thematic Panel of UAPS launched an initiative during this year's International Women's Month to gather diverse perspectives on what gender equality truly means — and what it should look like in our societies today. (click [here](#) watch the video on YouTube).

The initiative invited contributions from people across all backgrounds and experiences: women, men, young people, students, researchers, academics, practitioners, policymakers, civil society actors, development professionals, and members of diverse communities. Participants were encouraged to share their thoughts in the form of a comment, a short quote, or a video, in response to the question:

What does gender equality mean to you, and what should it look like in society today? The Panel is grateful for the rich and thoughtful contributions received, and extends warm thanks to Prof. Daniel Yaw Fiaveh (University of Cape Coast, Ghana), Prof. Lupwana Kandala (University of Venda, Johannesburg), Dr. Marie Laure Belomo Onguene (University of Yaoundé II), Dr. Nguemkap Romuald (University of Garoua), Dr. Falingué Keita (University of Social Sciences and Management, Mali), Melissa and Ashleigh (KIA Company, South Africa), and Pabamé Souaréba (Chad) for their valuable contributions to this important conversation.

The initiative reaffirms UAPS' commitment to inclusive, evidence-informed dialogue on gender equality across the African continent.

Adolescent and Youth Development Panel



Joshua Amo-Adjei
Panel Chair
University of Cape Coast



Naomi Wekwete
Panel Co-Chair
University of Zimbabwe



Amr Abdelwahed
Member
Cairo University



Sultan Heba
Member
Arba Minch University



Mobolaji Ibitoye
Member
Rutgers School of Public Health



Diarra Bousse Senghor
Member
Cheikh Anta Diop University



Sibusiso Mkwanzani
Member
Wits Reproductive Health and HIV Institute (Wits RHI)



Oloruntomiwa Ifedayo Oyetunde
Member
University of Ibadan

ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCIENTIFIC THEMATIC PANEL

UAPS announced the constitution and official launch of the Adolescent and Youth Development (AYD) Scientific Thematic Panel, a dedicated platform for advancing research, knowledge exchange, and collaborative action on adolescent and youth health across Africa.

The panel is composed of a distinguished group of scholars and researchers drawn from across the continent and beyond. Prof. Joshua Amo-Adjei (University of Cape Coast) serves as Panel Chair, with Dr. Naomi Wekwete (University of Zimbabwe) as Panel Co-Chair.

WEBINAR UAPS SCIENTIFIC PANEL

Join us for the official launch of the UAPS Adolescent and Youth Development Scientific Thematic Panel. This webinar will explore key research priorities and collaborative opportunities in adolescent health across Africa.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Dr Venkatraman Chandra-Mouli
MBBS, MSc, PhD



30 APRIL, 2026
1:30 – 3:00 PM UTC

REGISTRATION

Contact UAPSSecretariat: <https://www.uaps-uepa.org> aydpanel@uaps-uepa.org

They are joined by members Dr. Amr Abdelwahed (Cairo University), Sultan Heba (Arba Minch University), Dr. Mobolaji Ibitoye (Rutgers School of Public Health), Dr. Diarra Bousse Senghor (Cheikh Anta Diop University), Prof. Sibusiso Mkwanzani (Wits RHI), and Dr. Oloruntomiwa Ifedayo Oyetunde (University of Ibadan). To celebrate this milestone, UAPS hosted a launch webinar on 30 April 2026, featuring a keynote address by Dr. Venkatraman Chandra-Mouli. The session brought together researchers, practitioners, and partners to explore key research priorities and collaborative opportunities in adolescent health across Africa — setting the tone for the panel's work ahead.

We look forward to the impactful contributions this panel will make to population science and youth development on the continent. Stay connected for updates on the panel's activities at aydpanel@uaps-uepa.org or www.uaps-uepa.org.

INTRODUCING "VOICES OF AFRICAN WOMEN" A NEW PODCAST SERIES FROM UAPS

The Gender Equality Thematic Panel of the Union for African Population Studies (UAPS) is launching something we're genuinely excited about. "Voices of African Women" is a new series dedicated to spotlighting the lived experiences, leadership journeys, and contributions of African women working across population, gender, health, and development. Through honest, accessible storytelling, the series aims to inform public discourse, inspire the next generation of researchers and advocates, and amplify African-led narratives — on African terms.

The UAPS Gender Equality Thematic Panel works at the intersection of research, capacity building, and policy dialogue. Its focus: tackling gender inequality through evidence, surfacing root causes of disparity, and championing the visibility of women whose work too often goes unrecognized. This series is an extension of that mission.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Each feature will profile a selected African woman, her path, work and insights. Profiles will appear in one of three formats: written interviews, recorded conversations (audio or video), or short personal testimonies. The goal is accessibility and authenticity over polish. The series will highlight voices across regions, disciplines, and generations with particular attention to those who are underrepresented in mainstream research and policy spaces. The first of the series (access here) featured Mrs Maximilienne Ngo Mbe, a prominent Cameroonian human rights defender and the Executive Director of the Central Africa Human Rights Defenders Network (REDHAC), who has been recognised for her courageous advocacy in the face of significant challenges.

VOICES OF AFRICAN WOMEN PODCAST SERIES



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An Initiative of UAPS Gender Equality
Scientific Thematic Panel



Dr Yeelle Malah Kuete
Panel Chair



Mrs Maximilienne Ngo Mbe
Executive Director, REDHAC

Want to be featured — or nominate someone?

We'd love to hear from you. Reach out to the UAPS Gender Equality Thematic Panel (genderequality@uaps-uepa.org) to express interest or put forward a nomination.

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 UAPS: Union for African Population Studies
 UEPA: Union for Environmental and Population Studies

CALL FOR PAPERS

THE NEXUS BETWEEN POPULATION DYNAMICS AND CLIMATE CHANGE IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA: EVIDENCE, POLICY, AND PATHWAYS FOR ACTION

Led by the UAPS Scientific Thematic Panel on Population Growth Dynamics and Climate Change

THEMATIC AREAS
 We welcome empirical and conceptual papers, case studies, and policy reviews on topics such as:

- Population Growth and Environmental Sustainability
- Urbanization, Informal Settlements, and Climate Vulnerability
- Climate-induced Migration and Displacement Patterns
- Fertility and Reproductive Health in a Changing Climate
- Youth Bulge and the Green Economy: Opportunities and Challenges
- Climate Change, Health, and Demographic Vulnerability
- Resilience and Adaptive Capacity in Rural vs. Urban Areas
- Gender, Population, and Climate Justice
- Population-Environment Modelling and Scenario Analysis
- Policy Integration: National Adaptation Plans and Demographic Strategies

TARGET CONTRIBUTORS

- Scholars and practitioners in population studies, climate science, environmental studies, public health, labor studies, policy engagements, and related disciplines.
- African-based researchers, including early-career scholars and practitioners.
- Members of the Union for African Population Studies (UAPS) and affiliated institutions.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- **Length:** 6,000–8,000 words
- **Language:** English or French
- **Abstract:** Maximum 250 words
- **Format:** Adhere to JAPS publishing house style and formatting requirements.
- **Contributions:** Original theoretical, empirical, or methodological research

Submit manuscripts via the Journal submission platform.
 Ensure your manuscript meets the Journal Guidelines for JAPS.

QUESTIONS?
 Contact: pdcc@uaps-uepa.org copy assist.japs@uaps-uepa.org

CALL FOR PAPERS: THE NEXUS BETWEEN POPULATION DYNAMICS AND CLIMATE CHANGE IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

UAPS, through its Scientific Thematic Panel on Population Growth Dynamics and Climate Change, has issued a Call for Papers for a special issue of the Journal of African Population Studies (JAPS) on the theme: The Nexus Between Population Dynamics and Climate Change in Sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence, Policy, and Pathways for Action.

Sub-Saharan Africa faces a dual challenge — rapid demographic transformation and acute vulnerability to climate change. This special issue seeks to bridge the gap between these two critical areas by bringing together evidence-based research, innovative methodologies, and policy-relevant insights that illuminate how population dynamics and climate systems interact across the continent.

We welcome empirical and conceptual papers, case studies, and policy reviews across a range of thematic areas, including climate-induced migration, urbanisation and climate vulnerability, gender and climate justice, reproductive health in a changing climate, and policy integration strategies, among others. The call is open to scholars and practitioners in population studies, climate science, public health, urban studies, and related disciplines, with particular encouragement for African-based researchers and early-career scholars.

Submissions should be between 6,000 and 8,000 words, in English or French, and must adhere to JAPS formatting requirements. The full paper submission deadline is 1 September 2026, with the special issue expected for publication in June 2027.

For enquiries, contact pdcc@uaps-uepa.org, copying assist.japs@uaps-uepa.org.

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

This section features news, achievements, and activities from UAPS institutional members across Africa. We invite all member institutions to submit updates for inclusion in future editions.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: 2027 IUSSP EARLY CAREER AWARDS

Deadline for nominations is 1 November 2026 IUSSP is looking for outstanding candidates from Africa for the 2027 Early Career Award for Africa.

This award is offered to 5 early career researchers, each one selected from one of the 5 regions in collaboration with the regional population associations: UAPS in Africa, APA for Asia and the Pacific, EAPS for Europe, ALAP for Latin America and the Caribbean, and the PAA for North America. Candidates and sponsors must be IUSSP members.



IUSSP EARLY CAREER AWARDS 2027

In collaboration with ALAP, APA, EAPS, PAA & UAPS
Recognizing outstanding early career researchers in population studies worldwide

NOMINATE AN EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER
Deadline: 1 November 2026

WHAT DO AWARDEES RECEIVE?

- Free registration for the 2029 International Population Conference (IPC2029) to be held in Barcelona, Spain
- International recognition and visibility

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Candidate up to 3 years post-PhD (before 1 November 2026) with no previous awards of international level
- Must be an IUSSP member (based on IUSSP membership checklist)

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

- 3 IUSSP member supporters
- From more than one country
- At least 2 from candidate's region
- Self-nominations allowed
- Candidate should be considered in the region or theme of nomination

AWARDS BY REGION
IN COLLABORATION WITH REGIONAL POPULATION ASSOCIATIONS

From UAPS / Asia & Pacific (AP) / Africa (AF) / Europe (EU) / Latin America & Caribbean (LAC) / North America (NA)

PAST EARLY CAREER AWARDEES

Africa - Chaimae Drioui (2023), Nurudeen Alhassan (2025)
Asia - Akele Bernard (2023), Luca Maria Pavarolo (2025)
Europe - Henri Volkmann (2023), Diego Alcorta Salazar (2025)
Latin America & the Caribbean - Rogelio Zamora (2023), Igor Caswell Johnson (2025)
North America - Amanda Stevenson (2023), Monica Alexander (2025)

LEARN MORE & SUBMIT A NOMINATION
<https://iussp.org/en/early-career-awards>



CONSIDER NOMINATING A COLLEAGUE FOR THESE OTHER IUSSP AWARDS

IUSSP LAUREATE AWARD

The IUSSP Laureate Award honors outstanding achievements in the advancement of population sciences through research, training, policy advice and career mentorship, as well as distinguished service rendered to the population community and the Union.

Nominations should be supported by at least five IUSSP members of different nationalities. Candidates for the Award should also be a member of the IUSSP.

The IUSSP Laureate Award is bestowed every year. The 2026 IUSSP Laureate is Jean Fontanel.

Nominations & awarding colleague for the 2027 IUSSP Laureate Award. Deadline: 3 October 2026.

IUSSP-MATTEI DOGAN FOUNDATION AWARD FOR COMPARATIVE RESEARCH IN DEMOGRAPHY

The IUSSP-Mattei Dogan Award honors a mid-career researcher for his or her contribution to population studies that draw on different disciplines, approaches and methodologies applied to international comparisons.

This award is granted every two years. The next award will be bestowed in 2026 at the International Population Conference in Barcelona, where the Awardee will give a lecture in a session of 76 or 78 or 80 days.

More information: <https://iussp.org/awards>



The awardees are given an opportunity to present on their research during an IUSSP webinar, and each is offered a registration fee waiver for the International Population Conference, which will take place in Barcelona, Spain in July 2029.

UAPS has collaborated with IUSSP on this award since 2023. Previous awardees for the Early Career Award for Africa are Chaimae Drioui (2023) and Nurudeen Alhassan (2025). For more information on the award and application procedures visit <https://iussp.org/en/iussp-early-career-awards>



| NEWS FROM IUSSP

IUSSP's Council for the 2026-2029 period held their first meeting in Paris, France 7-8 April at IUSSP headquarters in INED (French National Institute for Demographic Research) to discuss new activities and scientific panels.

The new Council includes Laura Wong (Brazil)- President, Reiko Hayashi (Japan) - Vice-President, Anne Goujon (Austria)- Secretary General & Treasurer and Council Members: Vissého Adjiwanou (Togo/Canada), Ayaga Bawah (Ghana), Aude Bernard (Australia), Georgina Binstock (Argentina), Grace Cruz (Philippines), Sara Curran (USA), Albert Esteve (Spain), Ann Moore (USA), and Nico van Nimwegen (Netherlands).

During the Council meeting they selected Jane Bertrand as the 2026 IUSSP Laureate. A virtual ceremony for the Laureate will take place later this year (June or September). UAPS members attending the PAA annual Meeting in St. Louis are welcome to attend an in-person ceremony in the America's Center Room 101 on 7 May 17:30- 18:30. The IUSSP warmly invites members to submit laureate candidates for the 2027 to 2029 period. The deadline for nominations to be submitted in consideration for 2027 is 1 November 2026. Click here for more information or go to <https://iussp.org/en/iussp-laureate-award>.

The new Council looks forward to continuing collaboration with regional population associations.

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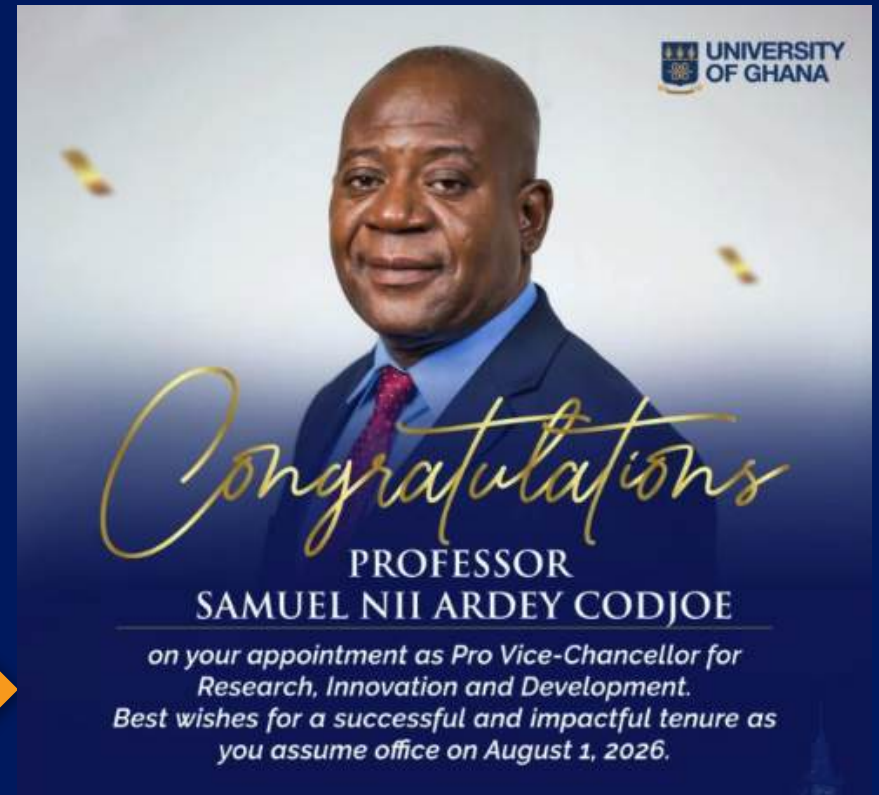
I MEMBER ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations, Professor Codjoe!

UAPS extends its warmest congratulations to Professor Samuel Nii Ardey Codjoe (Regional Institute for Population Studies, University of Ghana Prof. Samuel Nii Ardey Codjoe | RIPS) on his appointment as Pro Vice-Chancellor for Research, Innovation and Development at the University of Ghana, effective August 1, 2026.

Professor Codjoe is a distinguished figure within the UAPS community, having served with dedication as Vice President and subsequently as President of the Union.

His leadership within UAPS exemplified the values of rigorous scholarship, pan-African collaboration, and a deep commitment to advancing population studies across the continent.



This appointment is a well-deserved recognition of his exceptional contributions to research and academic leadership and a reflection of the calibre of scholars that UAPS is proud to count among its own.

As he assumes this new role, we have no doubt that the same vision and commitment he brought to UAPS will continue to shape and strengthen research and innovation at one of Africa's most prestigious universities. We wish Professor Codjoe a successful and impactful tenure.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Stay connected and mark your calendars for these forthcoming events relevant to the UAPS community and the broader African population science landscape.

EVENT	DATE	DETAILS / LOCATION
Skilling Africa for AI Webinar Series – Webinar 4	TBC	Virtual
UAPS/AIR P3 Africa Fellowship Cohort 3 Call open	May 2026	Virtual - Union for African Population Studies (UAPS) Union For African Population Studies Union Pour L'études de la Population Africaine)
Selection and Annoucement - UAPS/AIR P3 Africa Cohort 3	July 2026	Union for African Population Studies (UAPS) Union For African Population Studies Union Pour L'études de la Population Africaine)
UAPS/AIR Scientific Training Workshop	September 2026	Kenya
10th APC Host Country Annoucement		
Gender Equality Panel Special Issue	July 2026	Online (Journal of African Population Studies)
Thematic Panel Webinars (PDCC and FP/SRHR)	May, June and July 2026	Zoom
[Population Growth Dynamics and Climate Change panel Special Issue Submission [Deadline]	September 2026	Online (Journal of African Population Studies)



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