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Introduction

- The Union for African Population Studies (UAPS) is an association of researchers, specialists in African population issues, and experts working in related fields
- It is a not-for-profit and apolitical scientific organisation comprising individual and institutional members
- UAPS was established in March 1984 through the initiative of the UNECA during the 3rd General Conference of African Demographers, Statisticians and Planners held in Addis Ababa
- Its headquarters is in Accra, Ghana since 2008, after Dakar, Senegal
- The Secretariat has been hosted by RIPS since March 2014

Vision and Mission

- **Vision:** To be the pre-eminent resource in population research for scholars and policy makers in Africa
- **Mission:** To contribute to the development of Africa by enhancing networking and capacities of professionals to generate, communicate, and use evidence-based information on population
- **Aim:** To promote the scientific study of African population
- To promote the application of research evidence in development planning in Africa

Organs

- **The General Assembly:** It comprises all Union members. It is the utmost decision-making organ of the Union.
- **The Council:** Comprises the President, the Vice-President, the S. G., the Treasurer, and a Regional Representative for each of the five regions of Africa.
- The Council is a supervisory organ and the Secretariat implements the decisions of the General Assembly.

Membership and Dues

- **Individual Membership**

- Ordinary members
- Associate members
- Honorary members
- US\$ 40; 30€; 20 000 FCFA per year – Professionals
- US\$20; 18 € - Students

- **Institutional Membership**

RIPS; APHRC; AFIDEP; PASA; ISSP

- **Online payment through the IUSSP website (since September 2014)**

Priority Programmes

- Promoting networking and information sharing
- Promoting scientific research and publications
- Promoting use of research evidence in development policies and programmes in Africa
- Promoting continuing education for members

Activities

- Research activities: Thematic Scientific Panels (TSP)
 - Migration
 - Gender
 - Fertility
 - Census
 - Capabilities approach in Population Studies
 - Computational Science
 - Environment
- Scientific meetings: Seminars, training workshops, scientific conferences; the most important being the **African Population Conference (APC)** held every four years.
- Publication of scientific evidence on population issues through the African Population Studies Journal (African dissertation Series; <http://aps.journals.ac.za>)

Why Join UAPS

- Network of professionals in population sciences
- Free access to the APS Journal online
- Priority in all Union activities (training; attendance in meetings, seminars and conferences; etc.)
- Recommendations

African Population Conference

- UAPS organizes every four years the African Population Conference (APC).
- Aim of the conference is to share and disseminate scientific information on key population, health and development issues facing the African continent and promote the integration of research evidence in policy formulation.
- Conference provides an opportunity for networking and knowledge sharing between researchers, policy makers, programme managers, international development partners, and other key stakeholders in the population and development field.

African Population Conference

- 1st APC – Dakar, Senegal, 1988
- 2nd APC - Divided into 4 sub-conferences held in Kenya (1990), Burkina Faso (1991), Botswana (1992) and Côte d'Ivoire (1993).
- 3rd APC – Durban, South Africa, 1999
- 4th APC – Tunis, Tunisia, 2003
- 5th APC – Arusha, Tanzania, 2007
- 6th APC - Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 2011
- 7th APC – Johannesburg, South Africa, 2015.

Role of Universities

- **Prepare a set of scientific sessions and/or display on host country and regional demographic issues.**
- In order to give international participants an opportunity to learn about the demography of the country and region where the conference is held, several scientific sessions are usually organized by the NOC on local population trends, problems and issues – **Uganda Day**
- In addition the NOC could organize a display. The NOC usually publishes a special booklet dedicated to these Host Country scientific sessions.
- **Promote Conference locally**

Role of Universities

- **Participating in activities of ISC**
- ISC ensures the overall scientific coordination of the conference. It determines and manages the scientific content of the conference; reviews the session themes, finalizes the scientific programme, sets guidelines on how papers will be selected for presentation and reviews the scientific presentations of the conference.
- ISC additionally manages the scientific programme
- Overseeing the review process of abstracts submitted to the conference programme;
- Reviewing abstracts submitted to overflow sessions and selecting overflow sessions to be added to the conference programme;
- Reviewing abstracts submitted to poster sessions and deciding on the number of poster sessions the conference will accommodate.