



Vision

Population issues lie among the planet's most crucial contemporary concerns for development. CICRED's aims are to facilitate and to coordinate exchange in the production, analysis, sharing and diffusion of demographic data in order to contribute to demographic challenges such as the Millennium Development Goals and the ICPD Cairo objectives.

Mission

Since 1972, CICRED is a non-governmental organisation accredited with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. As the main network of centres working on population issues, CICRED brings together more than 700 registered institutions worldwide and aims at developing all forms of cooperation among its members fostering innovative and quality research and wide diffusion of its findings.

Values

Role of the Institutions

CICRED esteems that diversity and reliability within the world institutional framework is the cornerstone of any action in the field of population. Population research and teaching centres must thus remain one of the main sources for demographic data and analysis and their application to development issues. Reinforcing institutional capacities will therefore enhance the production and dissemination of demographic knowledge needed to monitor development processes.

Participative Management

CICRED develops a participatory management approach. The Committee acknowledges the independence of its affiliated centres, respects their functioning and research priorities, and acts on the basis of the needs expressed. Every four years, CICRED members elect its Council. The Council is composed of an elected chairperson, seven elected population institutions, and three ex-officio members (the United Nations Population Division, the United Nations Population Fund, and the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population). The Council determines CICRED's administrative and scientific policy.

Research

CICRED intends to promote a collaborative approach to research among centres, civil society and policy makers to put demographic knowledge into action and to contribute to the resolution of social problems. Within this framework, particular attention is paid to the dissemination of demographic knowledge to ensure that needed quality research

findings are made available to development stakeholders.

Goal

CICRED is determined to support population centres in the production, the analysis, and the distribution of new research on population issues in order to allow demographic knowledge to fully contribute to the global effort for development with equity.

Objectives

- To facilitate collaboration between population centres
- To ensure that centres of the South are enabled to fully participate in research relevant to their needs and in international debates
- To represent member centres' interests to the international community
- To assist in institutional building by developing its member centres' capacities, in particular for poorly resourced institutions.

Activities

Monitoring the Network

The CICRED network is an international exchange platform aimed at facilitating the sharing of expertise, findings, and know-how among its members.

Advocacy

CICRED keeps an updated institutional monitoring through regular surveys and supports its members' interests through advocacy with international organisations.

Promoting collaborated Research

CICRED encourages research between centres through managing international research programmes, organising scientific meetings, and promoting the dissemination of research findings through publications and open access on the Internet.

Building Capacities

CICRED aims at strengthening capacities of its members by promoting local competencies and transferring know-how and expertise to the institutions of the South. In this area, the new Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) are expected to play a crucial role.

Monitoring the Plan

CICRED's Council will review every year its objectives against its Strategy Plan. A thorough review of the Plan will be undertaken every four years in order to evaluate CICRED's achievements and identify new emerging priorities.