

## POPULATION & DEVELOPMENT IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

### 1. Is Sub-Saharan Africa overpopulated?

*Documents.*

Density map of Africa  (...)	Map of AIDS-contaminated people  (...)	Typical Lagos Street  (photo)
Average density = 15 / sq.km.	Number of HIV victims: from 8M (1990) to 33M (2009); 11,6M Aids-orphans	Rate of urbanization: + 3,5% per year

### 2. The U.N.D.P. missions: UNDP stands for: United Nations Development Programme.

“UNDP is the UN's global development network, an organization advocating for change and connecting countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help people build a better life. We are on the ground in 166 countries, working with them on their own solutions to global and national development challenges. As they develop local capacity, they draw on the people of UNDP and our wide range of partners”. “Our challenges (are): Democratic Governance / Poverty reduction / Crisis prevention & Recovery / Environment an Energy / HIV-AIDS”

### 3. Discussion: (organize yourselves within 10 groups to develop arguments before to debate)

<i>Develop these arguments</i>	<b>The UNDP viewpoint:</b>  You are a UNDP emergency unit; you want to tackle demographic problems because you think they generate poverty and underdevelopment		<i>Develop these arguments</i>	<b>The African family viewpoint:</b>  You are an African family and their relatives. You defend the family cell with a large-based unit because you think it is part of your culture.
1 Spread of diseases		6	There are economic needs	
2 Problems for social promotion		7	You shall respect your traditions	
3 Gender differentiation promoted		8	Religions encourage large-based family units	
4 Urban explosion		9	This is a human right	
5 Risks of conflicts		10	Risks of conflicts	

BE CONVINCING: YOUR GRADE DEPENDS ON YOUR CAPACITY TO ARGUE.

**4. Turn Geography into acts. Write a UNDP program that arbitrates and conciliates the different positions and tackles poverty.**

Arbiter: Assistants:	Vote 1 <sup>st</sup> round		Vote 2 <sup>nd</sup> round	
Main consensus ideas:	For	Against	For	Against
Text: (use typically UN expressions)				

*Typical United Nations expressions which you may use:*

Recalling...

Responding to the request made by...

Reaffirming...

Calling upon all parties to...

Acknowledging that...

Reiterating...

Deeply concerned that...

Decides to...

Urges all parties to...

**Related sources :**

Maps: <http://maps.howstuffworks.com/africa-population-density-map.htm>

On urban growth: <http://www.grida.no/publications/other/aeo/?src=/aeo/203.htm>

On Aids in Africa: [http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Africa\\_HIV-](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Africa_HIV-AIDS.svg)

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/25081085> ; [www.avert.org/worldstats.htm](http://www.avert.org/worldstats.htm)

On abused women in Africa: <http://english.pravda.ru/opinion/columnists/12-03-2004/5046-abuse-0>

On UNDP: <http://www.undp.org/about/>