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**NAVIGATING GLOBAL DEMOGRAPHIC TRANSITIONS IN A TIME OF
GEOPOLITICAL UPHEAVAL**

| BACKGROUND

Plenary 0 will act as an “information bridge” between the Special Session – “Future of Global Governance of Health in a Fragmented World” and the main PMAC 2026 Conference – “Navigating Global Demographic Transition” by introducing to the main Conference participants the key observations, conclusions and any call for actions that come out of the Special Session.

| OBJECTIVES

To “prime” the Conference participants on the geopolitical dynamics so that they might explore during the Plenary and Parallel Sessions how these dynamics may impact on navigating the global demographic transitions and identify areas for action



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