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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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Keizo Takemi is senior fellow of Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE) and has been serving as chair of JCIE's Executive Committee on Global Health and Human Security—a public-private global health policy platform founded in 2007—and chair of the Asian Population and Development Association (APDA). He served as Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare in September 2023–September 2024 and served five terms as a Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) member of the House of Councillors. Prof. Takemi has been involved in various global initiatives including the UN Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health, the Global Health Workforce Alliance (GHWA), the WHO Expert Working Group on R&D Financing, and the international organizing committee of the Prince Mahidol Award Conference (PMAC). In 2016, he was appointed to the UN High Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth, and in 2018, to the UHC Financing Advisory Committee for the G20 2019. He served as Senior Vice Minister for Health, Labour and Welfare, and State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, where he led the initiative to establish the UN Trust Fund for Human Security. In recognition of his contributions to the field over the past decade, he was appointed WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Universal Health Coverage (UHC) from 2019–2022, and was named to the advisory board of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in July 2025. From October 2025, Professor Takemi has also served as Visiting Professor at Nagasaki University, is the co-author of *Global Action for Health System Strengthening: Policy Recommendations to the G8* (2009), and has written numerous articles in English.