

Age Structure Transition, Ageing and Development: The Asia-Pacific Scene

Abstract

The trends in population growth and the dynamics of age-structures are examined in this presentation. Broad sub-regional projections about future trends in Asia and the Pacific will be discussed and highlighted with illustrations from a selected number of countries.

The contribution of age-structure dynamics to economic growth and the types of policies and enabling environments that are considered essential for the benefits of the age-structure transition to accrue will be reviewed in this presentation.

It will be argued that the changing age-structure in the region does have benefits and these can be harnessed to sustain economic growth and meet the inevitable increases in expenditures on public pensions and old age social coverage schemes. It will be concluded that planning and policy development most effectively utilize the opportunities afforded by the changing age-structure to contribute to economic growth and sustainable development.