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Summary of the third stakeholders’ consultation

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The 3rd stakeholders’ consultation for the Asia Pacific region, towards the 4th review and appraisal of MIPAA, had taken place on 19th May, 2022. Over 70 participants representing civil society, academic institutes and UN agencies attended the session and older people’s representation, gender equality and youth participation was fully ensured. The consultation was held virtually with interactive discussions and exchanges.

The third stakeholders’ consultation focused on the 3rd MIPAA direction - ensuring enabling and supportive environments. Within this direction, there were discussions on 4 priority issues – 1) housing and living environments, 2) care givers aspects, 3) neglect and abuse and 4) images of ageing. Participants shared progress made, challenges faced, and existing good practices. In addition of these 4 issues, it was thought of having a focused discussion on climate change action as well which has a significant impact on enabling environments, and the same was conducted.

The most important messages from the consultation included – 1) the need of having robust and multisectoral partnerships with important roles for civil society, 2) recognition of older peoples’ agency by recognizing and supporting their groups, ensuring inclusion of older women, 3) continued focus on intergenerational solidarity and 4) climate change action to be given paramount importance in future interventions and priorities on enabling environments.