Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on the Fourth Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing
11 February 2022
Online, 11:00-12:00 hrs. (Indochina Time)

Briefing of stakeholders on the Asia-Pacific Fourth Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing

CONCEPT NOTE

Objective

The briefing will provide an opportunity for relevant stakeholders\(^1\) to receive an update on the progress to date of the Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on the Fourth Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (Asia-Pacific MIPAA Review and Appraisal), scheduled for 29 June to 1 July 2022.

In particular, the briefing aims at providing:

- an overview of the Asia-Pacific MIPAA Review and Appraisal process
  - Mandate, objectives and plans for the Asia-Pacific MIPAA Review and Appraisal
  - Voluntary national reviews by member States
- an overview of the roadmap for relevant stakeholder engagement for the Asia-Pacific Regional Review, including identifying entry points for this engagement

Date and format

- The briefing will take place on Thursday, 11 February 2022, 11:00-12:00 hrs. (Indochina time).
- The briefing will be held online, using MS Teams.
- The briefing will be recorded and made available to meeting participants after the briefing.
- Registration for the briefing will close on Monday, 7 February 2022, 17:00 hrs. (Indochina Time).

Participants

- Relevant stakeholders from Asia and the Pacific
- Members of the Asia-Pacific Informal Regional Network of Focal Points on Ageing\(^2\)

\(^1\) For a definition of stakeholders, see: https://www.un.org/development/desa/ageing/publications/2015/08/guidelines-for-review-and-appraisal-of-the-mipaa-bottom-up-participatory-approach/

\(^2\) The Asia-Pacific Informal Regional Network of Focal Points on Ageing is comprised of interested United Nations entities active at the regional level with the expertise and capacity to support collaboration on population ageing in support of ESCAP Member States from ILO, ITU, OHCHR, UNFPA, WHO. In addition, interested other stakeholders,\(^2\) such as ADB and HelpAge International, Asia-Pacific, are also part of the group. The group is a networking group of the Asia and Pacific RPTC structure.
Expected outcomes

- Relevant stakeholders briefed on ongoing and future work regarding the Asia-Pacific Regional Review and Appraisal.
- Entry points for relevant stakeholder engagement in the Asia-Pacific Regional Review process identified and discussed with participants.
- Follow-up actions to ensure a whole-of-society approach to the Asia-Pacific Regional Review and Appraisal process identified.

Background

The Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 (MIPAA) was adopted by the Second World Assembly on Ageing, held in Madrid from 8 to 12 April 2002, and endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution 57/167 of 18 December 2002. It put forth a bold new agenda of “building a society for all ages”, which is more relevant today than ever. It focuses on three priority areas: older persons and development; advancing health and well-being into old age; and ensuring the existence of enabling and supportive environments.

Article 17 of MIPAA recognizes and highlights the importance of a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach to its implementation, follow-up and review and appraisal:

“Governments have the primary responsibility for providing leadership on ageing matters and on the implementation of MIPAA, but effective collaboration between national and local Governments, international agencies, older persons themselves and their organizations, other parts of civil society, including non-governmental organizations and the private sector, is essential. The implementation of the international Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002, will require the partnership and involvement of many stakeholders: professional organizations, corporations; workers and worker.”

In accordance with GA resolution 76/138 and ECOSOC resolution 2020/8, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), supported by regional partners, is organizing the Fourth Review and Appraisal of MIPAA from 29 June to 1 July 2022.

As part of this, ESCAP will organize stakeholder consultations on the three priority directions of MIPAA. Main findings and recommendations of the consultations will be summarized in a conference room paper to be submitted to the Fourth Review and Appraisal of MIPAA in Asia and the Pacific. The objective of these consultations is to bring the bottom-up participatory approach of the review and appraisal of MIPAA to the regional level and identify challenges and opportunities of population ageing that transcend national boundaries from the stakeholder perspective.

The consultations will be held virtually.

To ensure consistency, all consultations will use the same template for the concept note and programme. ESCAP, with support from its subregional offices, if possible, will work with its United Nations regional partners³ and volunteer stakeholders to co-organize stakeholder

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³ Member of the Asia-Pacific Informal Regional Network of Focal Points on Ageing will be invited to co-organize the consultations. So far, ESCAP, ILO, ITU, OHCHR, UNFPA, WHO are members of the group. In addition, ADB
consultations. This would involve the drafting of concept notes, setting the agenda, drafting guiding questions and identifying speakers, moderators and note-takers.

In engaging relevant stakeholders, ESCAP will seek to ensure balance in relation to thematic and geographic representation, scope of mandate, and gender.

**Background documents**

- UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (2015). *Guidelines for review and appraisal of the MIPAA Bottom-up participatory approach.*
- Engagement of civil society organizations and other stakeholders in the Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on the Fourth Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing

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in Asia and the Pacific and HelpAge International, Asia-Pacific, are also members. The network has been recognized as a networking group of the Asia-Pacific Regional Consultative Platform structure.