SIDE EVENT

Older People Association (OPA) in Asia

Concept Note

The Asia and Pacific Region has the largest and fastest ageing population in the world. This demographic phenomenon brings both opportunities and challenges. Formation and promoting of Older People Associations (OPA) has been one of the main strategies for countries in the Asia and Pacific region to enhance the wellbeing of older people with the resource that the countries have. OPA development is also one of the key recommendations in MIPAA for countries to respond to rapid ageing. The result so far relating to OPA development in the Asia and Pacific region has been remarkable, for example:

- Vast majority of the countries in the region have OPAs.
- There are close with 1 million OPAs with more than 100 million members in the region.
- 10 countries in the region have nationwide OPA networks

This side event will support the Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on the Fourth Review and Appraisal of MIPAA, by providing good practices and lessons learned which can contribute to the ongoing development of OPAs in the region and beyond.

Objectives

To share and promote the development of OPAs in Asia by providing the latest statues of OPA development in Asia-Pacific with case study from the Vietnam and presentation on a recent OPA evaluation in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, and Vietnam.

Expected outcomes

Sharing and learning among the participants on OPA development and promotion through presentations and discussion. A summary of key points from the presentation and discussion will also be produced and posted on the co-organisers website. These are the three expected outcomes:
• Update on the development of OPA in 10-12 countries in Asia
• Increased understanding on the evolution of the ISHC development model and why it has become the largest and most popular community-led development model in Vietnam and other countries in the region.
• Increased awareness of the impact of the ISHC development model in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, and Vietnam

Organisation
The side event will be by HelpAge International and JCIE in partnership with Foundation for Older Persons’ Development and HelpAge International in Vietnam. It will be held on 1 July 2022, online, from 12:30-13:45 (UTC+7).

Resource persons
Resource persons will have global, regional, and country experts working on the development and promotion of Older People Associations in Asia. They will share the latest update on OPA in Asia and share their perspectives and work about on OPA at regional and country levels, and how by promoting national growth of OPA can help increased the overall wellbeing of older people in the region. The three presenters with a long experience in implementing OPA programmes and will share their experience and good practices to generate discussion. The three side event speakers are:

Speakers #1: Mr. Quyen Tran, he is the HelpAge International’s Portfolio Development, and Quality Manager for Society for All Ages will present the latest update on the development of OPA in 10 countries in Asia since MIPAA’s recommendation on the development of OPA in response to rapid ageing.

Speakers #2: Mrs. Tran Bich Thuy, she is the HelpAge International in Vietnam’s Country Director. She will present the evolution of the Intergenerational Self-help Club development model and how it has become a national development model.

Speakers #3: Mrs. Camilla Williamson, she is the Healthy Ageing Advisor for HelpAge International. She will present the evaluation she has recently conducted on OPAs in four countries on their activities and wide range benefits and impacts.

Format and language
The meeting will be held in English and will feature presentations and structured interactive discussions.
Participation
Participants are expected from the organisations whose representatives attending the Intergovernmental Meeting (IGM) for the Fourth review of MIPAA in Asia/Pacific since the side event is held as part of the IGM. The organisers will also invite additional participants from organisations working or interested in ageing issues and age care such as the government agencies, CSO, academics, corporates, and international organisations.

For more information on the side meeting, please contact Mr. Quyen Tran (quyen.tran@helpage.org) and Ms Tran Bich Thuy (thuytb@helpagevn.org)

Friday, 1 July 2022 (12:30-13:45, UTC+7)

Online meeting (Zoom)

Register here:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqc-ysrgjGNQ7kbpnwXc5lyWH6Lm0SJyK