Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on the Fourth Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing

Bangkok and online
29 June – 1 July 2022

Call for proposals of side events

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As part of the Regional Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing in Asia and the Pacific, ESCAP invites member States, relevant stakeholders, United Nations partners, international organizations and others to submit side event proposals using this online application form and complete it by Wednesday, 15 June 2022, at the latest.

All side events will be conducted virtually, outside the time allocated for the main intergovernmental meeting. Organizers can choose any virtual platform they deem appropriate for the delivery of their event, and they will be responsible for providing the platform.

All requests for side events received within the deadline will be considered, and selection will take into account the linkages of the proposed side event to the intergovernmental meeting and an overall balance in terms of geography and thematic focus. The secretariat and members of the Asia-Pacific Informal Regional Network of Focal Points on Ageing¹ will review the requests and revert to the organizers by Tuesday, 3 June 2022, at the latest. Once the side event has been approved and a date and time have been allocated, side event organizers are requested to provide a flyer to the secretariat to be posted on the Regional Review and Appraisal website.

¹ The network is a networking group of the Asia-Pacific Regional Cooperative Platform and consists of the following members in Asia and the Pacific: ESCAP, ILO, ITU, OHCHR, UNFPA, WHO, as well as ADB and HelpAge International.
Criteria for holding a side event

- The side event should support the discussions of the Asia-Pacific review and appraisal by taking stock of progress achieved so far, addressing remaining challenges, and providing original perspectives on how to advance the implementation of MIPAA.
- The side event should support the objectives of the intergovernmental meeting mentioned in the ‘Background’ section below and can also outline opportunities for regional, triangular, and South-South cooperation to accelerate implementation of the MIPAA.
- Due to time limitations and to avoid too much overlap between side events, a maximum of 2 parallel side events per time slot will be held over the course of the meeting (29 June to 1 July). In other words, ESCAP is offering 6 timeslots for side events. Side events will be organized outside the official meeting time, thus taking place between 12.30 and 13.45 pm (if needed, additional side events could also be organized right before (morning) or after (evening) the intergovernmental meeting from 29 June to 1 July). The duration of each side event will be 75 minutes. Side events sponsored by Governments will be given priority in the allocation of preferred time slots and side events co-organized by more than one partner are preferred. Side event organizers are encouraged to co-organize side events with Governments.
- One of the co-organizers of the proposed side event should be designated as a lead organizer and communication focal point. To ensure representation of different stakeholders, a co-organizer cannot be the lead organizer of more than one side event.
- Organizers are encouraged to ensure geographic and gender balance and include, in the discussions, a mix of countries and stakeholders, including governments, civil society, scientists, and academia.
- Organizers are responsible for making all arrangements for the side events, including providing the virtual platform and the link to the event to participants, inviting speakers etc.
- The side events should be open to all review and appraisal participants of the intergovernmental meeting. Participants attending side-events, however, will not automatically be listed as participants of the intergovernmental meeting.
- Organizers are kindly requested to hold their event in English or make their own interpretation arrangements, as interpretation services are not available for side events.
- Organizers are requested to coordinate with the secretariat on the date and time of the event. The side event will be posted on the website for the review and appraisal, including a connection link, brief description of the event and flyer.
- All costs related to the side event will be borne by the organizers. Publicizing a side event and ensuring adequate participation is the sole responsibility of the organizers.
Background

The Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (2002) remains the most forward-looking and comprehensive framework for the development of policies and programmes concerning population ageing, focusing on the lives and well-being of older persons. Its implementation is an ongoing process which is complemented by regular reviews and appraisals at global and regional levels.

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 Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting (IGM) on the Fourth Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) from 29 June to 1 July 2022.

Within the wider context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its core principle of ‘leaving no one behind’ (LNOB), the review and appraisal will address the situation of older persons with regard to the three priority directions of the MIPAA: (1) older persons and development; (2) advancing health and well-being into old age; and (3) ensuring enabling and supportive environments.

The objective of the intergovernmental meeting is to provide an opportunity to ESCAP member States, as well as other relevant stakeholders to:

- take stock of the overall progress made on MIPAA in the Asia-Pacific region, with the participation of all relevant stakeholders;
- identify key challenges, opportunities, gaps and emerging issues, as well as promising practices and lessons learned related to the implementation of MIPAA in Asia and the Pacific;
- discuss regional priorities and potential areas for regional cooperation on aging in line with the vision and guiding principles of the MIPAA;
- compile resource requirements, capacity-building needs, policy advice, data gathering needs, technology and partnerships that are needed for the full implementation of MIPAA at the national and regional levels; and,
- facilitate the formulation of key findings and recommendations as outcomes of this fourth Asia-Pacific appraisal and review and priorities for future action to inform the 2023 fourth review of the MIPAA at the global level.

Contact and information

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Additional information, including background documents, is available on the UN ESCAP dedicated website.