Expert Group Meeting - Population Ageing and the Situation of Older Persons in Asia and the Pacific: Follow-up to the Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on the Fourth Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing

4-5 August 2022
4 August: 09:00 to 12:00, noon, Bangkok time (GMT+7)
5 August: 13:00 to 16:00 Bangkok time (GMT+7)
Online [by invitation only]
Outcome document of the Fourth Review and Appraisal of MIPAA in Asia and the Pacific

Economic and Social Council

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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

Outcome document

Accelerating Implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002, to Build a Sustainable Society for All Ages in Asia and the Pacific
Informal consultations on zero draft

Basis for zero draft

• GA resolution 76/138 - Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing
• GA resolution 75/131 - United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021–2030)
• ECOSOC resolution 2022/8 - Modalities for the fourth review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002
• ESCAP outcome document of the Third Review and Appraisal (Bangkok statement on the Asia-Pacific review of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing ) - ESCAP/74/20*
• ESCAP outcome document of the Second Review and Appraisal - E/ESCAP/69/11 and others

=> Zero draft structured along the priority directions, issues and objectives of MIPAA

Consultation process (16 March – 11 June 2022)

• 16 March – 4 April: circulation of zero draft with request to member States to provide written input
• 20 April: first informal consultation (hybrid mode)
• 16 May: second informal consultation (hybrid mode)
• 30 May: third informal consultation (hybrid mode)
• 3 June: fourth informal consultation (hybrid mode)
• 8-11 June: silence procedure
• 1 July: adoption

Facilitator and Member State participants

Ambassador of the Maldives to ESCAP + 26 member States participated
Accelerating Implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002, to Build a Sustainable Society for All Ages in Asia and the Pacific

1. **Preambular paragraphs**
   - UN documents (recalling, noting, reaffirming)
   - Population ageing – irreversible global trend
   - COVID-19
   - Recognition of MSs progress and role of civil society
   - Newly emerging issues

2. **Chapeau**
   - Human rights
   - Mainstreaming ageing, perspective of older women
   - Social protection systems
   - Digital technologies
3. **Operative paragraphs**
   - Older persons and development
   - World, the labour force, poverty and social protection
   - Life course perspective on population ageing and intergovernmental solidarity
   - Emergency situations
   - Health and well-being into old age
   - Enabling and supportive environment
   - Discrimination, neglect, abuse, violence, ageism and public image
   - Data and research
   - Implementation and follow-up
   - Request to the Executive Secretary
### New language (or language used in a different context)

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<th><strong>Accelerating implementation</strong> of MIPAA to build a sustainable society for all ages in Asia and the Pacific</th>
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<td>Health</td>
<td>• <strong>World Health Assembly</strong>, resolutions 58.16 pf 25 May 2005 (PP 9)</td>
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<td>• <strong>UN Decade of Healthy Ageing</strong> (PP 11)</td>
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<td>• <strong>COVID-19</strong> (PP 13, OP 21n)</td>
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<td>• Support member States to promote and enhance the response to <strong>future pandemics</strong> (OP 21o)</td>
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<td>• Recognition of <strong>caregivers and the private sector</strong> in support of older persons; <strong>unpaid care of women</strong> (PP 15, OP 21x)</td>
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<td>• Recognize and enhance the capacity and capacity of formal and informal caregivers, including <strong>family members</strong> (OP 21m)</td>
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<td>• <strong>Mental health</strong> (OP 21j) + <strong>life course</strong> (OP 21l)</td>
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<td>• Promote regional response mechanisms that is <strong>people-centered</strong> (OP 21k)</td>
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<td>• <strong>Long-term care</strong> recognizes as a <strong>positive</strong> social and economic care and employment strategy (OP 21m)</td>
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<td>• Promote skills …. of health and social care workers in <strong>geriatric skills</strong> ... and <strong>gerontological skills</strong> (OP 21y)</td>
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### New language

| Policies and mainstreaming ageing | • Human rights based and people-centered approach (OP 21a)  
• Mainstream gender, disability, life course perspective (OP 21 b)  
• Life course perspective to population ageing (OP 21 h) – separate section |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Work and labour force         | • Flexible and **age-friendly conditions** (OP 21 d)  
• **Combat abuse, neglect, all forms of discrimination and inequalities and ageism** directed at older persons in the **workforce** (OP 21d) |
| Emergency situations          | • Respect, promote and consider **older persons’ human rights** (OP 21 i)  
• Ensure that **emergency plans and responses** are not discriminatory (OP 21 i)  
• Recognize that older persons can play a **positive role in climate action** (OP 21 i) |
| Social protection             | • **Rights-based approach** (OP 20f)  
• **Sustainable pension schemes** and **social pensions** (OP 21 g) |
| Persons with disabilities     | • **Mainstream gender** and **disability perspective** (OP 21b)  
• Eradicate **poverty** among older persons, in particular older women and older persons with disabilities (OP 21e) and more ... |
| Population                    | • **Programme of Action** of the International Conference on Population and Development (PP 10) |
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<td>• Protect the <strong>rights to adequate housing</strong> for older persons and <strong>intergenerational housing options</strong> (OP 21p)</td>
<td>• Ensure that the benefits of <strong>new technology</strong> are available to all, including older women and <strong>older persons with disabilities</strong> and that the <strong>right to privacy</strong> is protected (OP 21r)</td>
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<td>• Strengthen social policies that promote the development of <strong>community services for older persons</strong>, with a focus on the specific rights of <strong>older women and persons with disabilities</strong> (OP 21q)</td>
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<td>• Involve <strong>older persons and their organizations</strong> in ... law-making and policymaking processes (OP 21bb)</td>
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<td>• Strengthen institutional capacities and technical skills of government and non-government institutions to support engagement of <strong>older persons as active agents of change</strong> (OP 21q)</td>
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<td>• <strong>Use of monitoring framework</strong> (OP 21z)</td>
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<td>• <strong>VNRs – HLPF</strong> (OP21z)</td>
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Data and research

- Promote multi-stakeholder partnerships for multidisciplinary and **intergenerational research** on ageing (OP 21w)
- Use **SDG framework** to monitor MIPAA implementation in Asia and the Pacific (OP 21z)
- To advocate for ... **national accounts**, including recognition of unpaid care for family members, in particular women, and to ensure that **research on national accounts informs policymaking** (OP 21x)

Discrimination, neglect, abuse, violence, ageism and public images

- Combat violence ... by implementing prevention strategies and stronger laws to **protect victims** (OP 21t)
- Advance positive **public image** of older persons and their **contributions to communities and societies** (OP 21u)
(cc) To strengthen the role of the Commission in supporting its members and associate members in implementing the Madrid Plan of Action in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, including through the periodic midterm assessments of progress made in that regard;

(dd) To raise public awareness on ageing in partnership with stakeholder organizations, and to continue to facilitate the sharing of experiences and good practices on ageing;

(ee) To build the capacities of members and associate members of the Commission, upon their request, to gather, synthesize and analyse age-disaggregated data, statistics and qualitative information, disaggregated also, when necessary, by other relevant factors, including sex and disability, in order to develop evidence-based national policies on ageing;

(ff) To support members and associate members of the Commission, upon request, in formulating forward-looking policies and actions to prepare for and adjust to the social and economic implications of ageing, as well as mainstream ageing into policies, plans and programmes, as appropriate;
(gg) To utilize the resources of the United Nations system and all other relevant stakeholders at the regional level, including the Asia-Pacific regional informal network of focal points on ageing, to support member States in the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action and any national follow-up, as appropriate;

(hh) To submit the report on the Meeting, the present outcome document and the pre-session documents prepared for the Asia-Pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on the Fourth Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing,¹⁰ through the Secretary-General, to the Commission for Social Development at its sixty-first session, to be held in 2023, for the fourth global review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action, and to also submit the report on the Meeting and the present outcome document to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its seventy-ninth session, for information and consideration.

Next steps

Priority issues to support member States and stakeholders (suggestions)

- **Data** (disaggregated and not age-capped + national transfer accounts)

- **Forward-looking policies**
  - Right-based and people-centered approach to mainstreaming ageing; protection of victims; positive public image
  - Mainstream linkages of gender, disability and lifecycle concerns
  - Emergencies – positive role in climate action
  - Recognizing older persons as agents of change and involve them in the development, implementation and follow-up to policymaking at all levels
  - Social protection, sustainable pension schemes
  - Action plans/monitoring frameworks

- **Health and well-being**
  - Healthy ageing (UN Decade of Healthy Ageing)
  - Unpaid care, caregiving, mental health, long-term care

ESCAP + MSs + relevant stakeholders + reg. inf. network of focal points
Thank you!

https://www.unescap.org/events/2022/expert-group-meeting-population-ageing-and-situation-older-persons-asia-and-pacific

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