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Session 5: SDG 16
Overview of the situation of persons in vulnerable situations in North and Central Asia – some examples

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Megatrends shaping our world today
(according to the UN Economist Network)

Emerging and frontier technologies

Demographic Trends

Climate change and environmental degradation

Urbanization

Inequalities

SDG16: Peace and justice

- Trafficking in persons
- Decision-making
- Legal identity and birth registration/data
- Digital innovations
- Stakeholder engagement
Older persons
Fertility rates and life expectancy, Asia and the Pacific and NCA, 1950-2050

Changes in the population age structure, NCA, 1950-2050

Population pyramid, NCA, 1990, 2023, 2050


Labour force participation, 65+, by gender, selected countries (latest available data)

Internet access by age group, selected countries, 2020 (or latest available year)

Mobile phone ownership by age and gender (latest available year)

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(f) Optimize and invest in the use of digital technologies and innovative means and mechanisms to address the various challenges and opportunities of population ageing;

(k) ... unhindered, timely, fair and equitable access to safe diagnostics, therapeutics, medicines, vaccines and essential health technologies and their components, as well as health equipment;

(r) To promote literacy, numeracy and technological skills, as well as training and retraining, for older persons and the ageing work force, in particular as many societies transition from ageing to aged societies, and to ensure that the benefits of new technologies, especially information and communications technologies, are available to all, including older women and older persons with disabilities, and that the right to privacy is respected;

(w) To encourage the harnessing of scientific research and expertise through the realization of technology, and to build the evidence base by promoting multi-stakeholder partnerships for multidisciplinary and intergenerational research on ageing;

(y) To promote skills and competencies development and continuous training of health and social care workers in geriatric skills and of home-based caregivers of older persons on skills on caregiving and gerontological skills, supporting/investing innovations and advanced technologies to obtain and maintain the highest standard of services and care for older persons;
Good practices reducing vulnerabilities of older persons

The Internet ABC – Russian Federation
International migration - labour migration and human trafficking

© Alexander Parkyn-Smith, Uzbek migrant farm worker in Kazakhstan

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Immigrants (migrant stock) in Asia and the Pacific + offences in trafficking in persons in selected NCA countries


Number of offences in trafficking in persons in selected countries in NCA, 2010-2020
(data are not available for all countries for all years)


Personal remittances as a percentage of GDP in NCA, 2000-2022


Marcel Crozet / ILO; Tajik migrant agricultural worker in Podolsky district, Moscow region
Remittance costs globally, 2019-2023

48. ... and the use of information and technology in Turkmenistan to discover cases of human trafficking and fight various crime groups in cyberspace.

55. The panel stressed the importance of financial inclusion of migrants as well as the digitization of remittances ... Digitization of remittances could not only facilitate sending of remittances, including during shutdowns, and save remittance costs, for women migrant workers it could also enhance their personal safety.

63. Representatives of countries of destination shared examples of facilitating civil registration and birth registration ... including through digitization and easy-to-understand information and facilitating visa arrangements and establishing immigration services centres.

68. ... Examples of pre-departure orientation and training of migrants were shared as well as reintegration policies that supported returning nationals through reorientation, skill training and financing, including facilitating digital remittances.

79. ... A call was made for comprehensive partnerships in countries of origin and destination between Governments, migrant organizations, lawyers and civil society to provide comprehensive information to migrants, including through the use of digital technology.
Good practices reducing vulnerabilities of migrants

Digital remittances
Women and girls

© Jaqueline Macou, woman at village market in Kyrgyzstan
Maternal mortality, deaths per 100,000 live births, selected countries in Asia and the Pacific, 2020

SDG target: 2030=70

Unmet need for family planning with modern methods, selected countries in NCA, 2000-2030

## Life expectancy and healthy life expectancy at age 60 of women in NCA, latest data

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Source: ESCAP calculations based on World Health Organization, Global Health Observatory data repository, online, accessed on 1 September 2023.
Labour force participation rate, males and females, 15-64 years (percentage), (latest available year)

Source: ILO 2023, https://ilostat.ilo.org/topics/women/#
Amount of time spent by women and men on unpaid domestic work and unpaid care work in hours per day, averaged by region: 2001-2018 (latest available data)

Female researchers, selected countries in Asia and the Pacific, (latest available data)

Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics (http://uis.unesco.org/). Data as of October 2023
Seats held by women in national parliaments in NCA, 2015-2023

Source: ILO 2023, https://ilostat.ilo.org/topics/women/
Good practices reducing vulnerabilities of women and girls

Techno Women Central Asia - Kazakhstan

Digital skills for women and girls (UNDP) - Kyrgyzstan
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