Despite differences, all population pyramids reflect population ageing, with narrower bases and broader higher levels

Age and sex distribution of the total population for the region and by subregion, 1990, 2020, 2050

Although the speed of population ageing varies significantly, all countries must address it for the benefit of all

Speed of population ageing • Number of years required or expected for percentage of population aged 65 or over to rise continuously from 7 to 14 per cent (measured from 1950 onwards)

Women tend to live longer than men; however, many of these extra years are spent living in less than full health due to disease and/or injury

There are sizable absolute numbers and proportions of older persons in Asia and the Pacific

Labour force participation rates remain different for older men and women

Labour force participation rates for population 65+, by sex, 2020

While older persons live in extended families throughout the region, there are also older persons residing with few people