Regional Expert Forum on Population Ageing

“The role of subregional organisations in the regional review of the MIPAA and the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Active Ageing: Empowering Older Persons in ASEAN

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By 2050, ASEAN’s total population would reach 790 million

- Around 167 million or 21% would be 60 years old and above, or 1 in every 5 persons
- Around 401 million or 23.1% are women and 391 million or 19.1% are men
- Life expectancy is estimated at 75.8 years for both women and men, particularly 78.7 for women and 73 for men
- Potential Support Ratio is estimated to go down from 11.4 in 2015 to 4.2 in 2050
- Elderly age group above 80 is expected to triple by 2050

Proportion of Elderly Population in ASEAN

Figure 1: Number and proportion of older people globally in 2015, 2030, 2050

- **2015**
  - Number 60+ 901m
  - 12.3% of total worldwide population

- **2030**
  - Number 60+ 1,402m
  - 16.5% of total worldwide population

- **2050**
  - Number 60+ 2,092m
  - 21.5% of total worldwide population


Global overview
Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Ageing: Empowering Older Persons in ASEAN

(adopted by the 27th ASEAN Summit in November 2015 in Malaysia)

- Reaffirmed the commitment to build an ASEAN Community that engages and benefits the people, and is inclusive, sustainable, resilient and dynamic

- Recognized that an increase in the proportion of older population will require adaptation of health care and social support systems to meet this emerging challenge

- The promotion of healthy, active and productive ageing in an enabling and supportive environment is key to the well-being of older persons as valuable members of the family, community and society with roles and responsibilities towards the self, others and the nations
“[s]ocial protection is a cross-cutting issue, hence its implementation requires coordinated and holistic approaches with the involvement of governments, private sector, development partners, civil society, service providers, and other stakeholders, where appropriate;

“[s]ocial protection shall be adaptive to the different risks such as lifestyle and individual risks, social risks, and emerging risks and vulnerabilities faced by the region such as, but not limited to, changes in the economy and labour markets and impacts of climate change, disasters and economic crises.”
ASEAN Community building initiatives are complementary to the Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development, articulating that no one should be left behind

ASEAN Community provides the impetus for more cross-sectoral and intra-pillar cooperation and collaboration, including on issues relevant to Older Persons in ASEAN

Existing high-level political commitment of ASEAN Member States to recognize and protect the rights, ensure and promote the welfare, and programmatically address the needs and realize the potentials of older persons in ASEAN as enunciated in the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Active Ageing: Empowering Older Persons in ASEAN, which was adopted by the ASEAN Leaders on 21 November 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Policy alignment between the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Active Ageing: Empowering Older Persons in ASEAN and the Madrid Plan of Action on Ageing in the areas of:

- Shared responsibility approach in preparation for healthy, active and productive ageing
- Intergenerational solidarity
- Rights-based/needs-based and life-cycle approach
- Elimination of all forms of maltreatment on the basis of old age and gender
- Mainstreaming population ageing issues into public policies and national development plans, and programmes
- Development of human capital and expertise in gerontology, geriatrics and other related professional and para-professional manpower
- Development of reliable information, evidence-based and gender-disaggregated data on ageing
- Strengthening the capacity of government agencies, corporate bodies, civil society organizations, including voluntary welfare organisations, communities and relevant stakeholders
- Development of older people’s associations and other forms of networking
- Promotion of age-friendly communities/cities in the region through sustainable and accessible infrastructure
- Building and strengthening the networking and partnerships within and among ASEAN Member States as well as with Dialogue Partners and Development Partners
ASEAN Community: A caring and sharing community

- Charts the path for ASEAN Community building in the next ten years
- Greater emphasis on the peoples of ASEAN and their well-being
- Engage all nationals of ASEAN Member States through effective and innovative platforms to promote commitment and identification with ASEAN policies and regional interests
- Ensure fundamental freedoms, human rights and better lives for all ASEAN peoples

- ASEAN 2025 includes the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and the 3 Blueprints

- ASEAN Member States as well as ASEAN Organs and Bodies shall implement ASEAN 2025: Forging Ahead Together
ASCC Blueprint 2025 specifically aims for an ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community that is inclusive, sustainable, resilient, dynamic, and one that engages and benefits the people. 

**ASCC Goals:**

- **A** Enhance commitment, participation and social responsibility of ASEAN peoples through an accountable and inclusive mechanism for the benefit of all.
- **B** Promote equal access and opportunity for all, as well as promote and protect human rights.
- **C** Promote balanced social development and sustainable environment that meet the current and future needs of the people.
- **D** Enhance capacity and capability to collectively respond and adapt to emerging trends.
- **E** Strengthen ability to continuously innovate and be a proactive member of the global community.
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<td>B.1. Reducing Barriers</td>
<td>B.1.1. Reduce inequality, and promote equitable access to social protection and enjoyment of human rights by all and participation in societies such as developing and implementing frameworks, guidelines, and mechanisms for elimination of all forms of discrimination, violence, exploitation, abuse and neglect.</td>
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<td>B.1.2. Provide guidelines for quality care and support for women, children, youths, the elderly/older persons, persons with disabilities, migrant workers, ethnic minority groups, and vulnerable and marginalised groups.</td>
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<td>B.1.5. Promote regional cooperation initiatives to support ASEAN Member States to be well prepared for ageing society</td>
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<td>B.2. Equitable Access for All</td>
<td>B.2.1. Enhance regional platforms to promote equitable opportunities, participation and effective engagement of women, youths, children, elderly/older persons, persons with disabilities, people living in remote and border areas, and vulnerable groups in the development and implementation of ASEAN policies and programmes.</td>
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<td>B.2.5. Support ASEAN Member States’ initiatives in strengthening national gender and age-disaggregated databases and analyses, including on poverty and equity, establish a reliable regional database for key sectors to support ASEAN policies and programmes.</td>
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Policy alignment with the ASCC Blueprint 2025, with specific Key Result Areas and Strategic Measures on the following:

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<td>B.3. Promotion and Protection of Human Rights</td>
<td>B.3.1. Promote regional inter-sectoral mechanisms towards a holistic, multi-disciplinary approach in enhancing quality care, well-being, gender equality, human rights, social justice, and fundamental freedoms of all, especially the vulnerable groups, in response to all hazards and emerging social and economic risks/threats.</td>
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<td>C.2. Environmentally Sustainable Cities</td>
<td>C.2.4. Promote cities that are child-, youths-, elderly/older persons-, and persons with disabilities-friendly through enhanced coordination with relevant sectors to provide sustainable and accessible infrastructure systems.</td>
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Key regional instruments affirm and promote the rights and welfare of Older Persons in ASEAN

- The ASEAN Human Rights Declaration (2012)
- The ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection (2013)
- The Regional Framework and Action Plan to Implement the ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection (2015)
- Brunei Darussalam Declaration on Strengthening Family Institutions: Caring for the Elderly (2010)
ASEAN mechanisms are actively engaged to ensure the enjoyment of rights of Older Persons

The Kuala Lumpur Declaration has assigned the AMMSWD, with the support of SOMSWD, to coordinate and collaborate with relevant sectors for inter-sectoral cooperation on the empowerment of older persons and to develop a regional plan on ageing to implement the Declaration.
The ASEAN Strategic Framework on Social Welfare and Development (2011-2015) has identified Older Persons as one of the key priority areas.

Through the Strategic Framework, SOMSWD conducted the Regional Conference on Caring and Self-Caring for the Elderly at Homes, Communities Based on their Involvement- the Roles of the Government. Also, SOMSWD has initiated the promotion of older people’s associations (OPAs).

SOMSWD has actively engaged other ASEAN sectoral bodies and partner, which includes ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation on Active Ageing. SOMSWD participated in the regional Workshop on “ASEAN+3: Are We Ready for Our Ageing Society?” was held in Chiang Mai, Thailand on 3-5 March 2015. The workshop provided an opportunity for sharing knowledge and experiences in advancing social welfare services for the older people.

Representatives of SOMSWD, together with SOMHD and SLOM, participated in the 12th ASEAN and Japan High Level Officials Meeting on Caring Societies that was hosted by Japan on 21-23 October 2014 in Tokyo with the theme “Resilient communities for Active Ageing”.

The partnership between ASEAN and the Republic of Korea has led to the promotion of the home care model and it has been successfully piloted in 43 villages in Cambodia, and in two townships in Myanmar, among others.
Programmatic approach in addressing issues of older persons at the regional level through the Strategic Framework on Social Welfare and Development 2016-2020

**Objective:** Enhance the well-being and improve the quality of life of older persons, children, persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable groups in ASEAN

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<td>Children</td>
<td>Promote social protection policies for increased access and sustainability</td>
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<td>Persons with Disabilities</td>
<td>Strengthen the resilience of families and caregivers in the societies</td>
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<td>Enhance the participation and social responsibility of stakeholders</td>
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**Priority Area: Older Persons**

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<td>Establish an ASEAN research network on ageing [Carried over from the Strategic Framework 2011-2015] (Malaysia)</td>
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<td>Workshop to exchange views on the promotion of older people’s associations (OPAs) [Carried over from the Strategic Framework 2011-2015] (Cambodia)</td>
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<td>ASEAN Workshop on Economics of Aging Society – Viet Nam</td>
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<td>2016-2020</td>
<td>Review the existing standards of care for older persons in AMS and develop a regional guideline for minimum standards for quality care for older persons (in collaboration with ASWC) (Malaysia supported by Viet Nam)</td>
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<td>Workshop on Child Friendly Local Governance (Philippines)</td>
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<td><strong>2018-2019</strong></td>
<td>Strengthen database and data analysis on ageing issues by the ASEAN Research Network on Ageing (Malaysia)</td>
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<td>ASEAN Act (Active Ageing): ASEAN Regional Impact Research Study Assessment on Active Ageing [Carried over from the Strategic Framework 2011-2015] (Philippines)</td>
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Opportunities to contribute to the MIPAA review process

✓ Report the progress of implementation of the *Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Active Ageing: Empowering Older Persons in ASEAN*, *Brunei Darussalam Declaration on Strengthening Family Institution: Caring for the Elderly*, and *Regional Framework and Action Plan to Implement the ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection*, among others, to the annual meetings of SOMSWD

✓ Monitor the implementation of the ASCC Blueprint 2025 and the Strategic Framework on Social Welfare and Development 2016-2020

✓ Conduct of the annual ASEAN GO-NGO Forum on Social Welfare and Development back-to-back with the SOMSWD as a platform of information sharing and dialogue between governments and non-governmental organisations.

✓ Support the implementation of the multi-stakeholder mechanisms set up by SOMSWD, such as the ASEAN Research Network on Ageing, and regular reporting of their progress of work by the Country Coordinators to the annual meetings of SOMSWD

✓ Annual meetings of relevant ASEAN bodies such as the ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW), and the ASEAN coordinating platforms such as the ASCC Senior Officials Coordinating Conference (SOC-COM) for the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community, the Committee of the Whole (COW) for the ASEAN Economic Community, and the ASEAN Political-Security Community Coordinating Conference (ASCCO)