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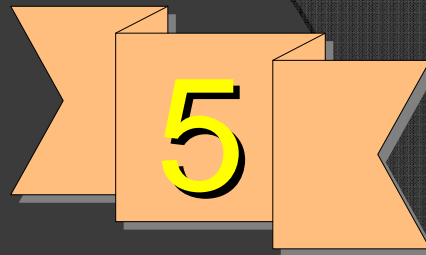
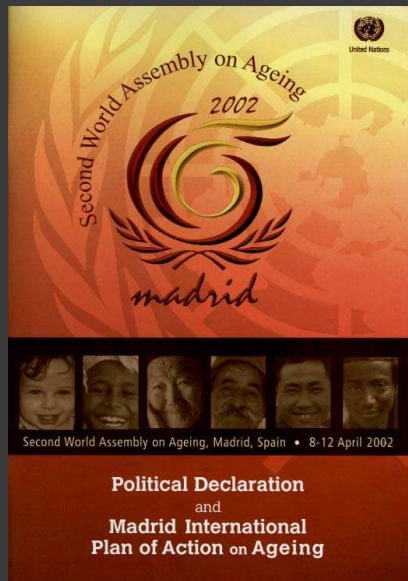
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# IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MADRID INTERNATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION ON AGEING: PAST RESULTS AND FUTURE PLANS



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*towards a society  
for all ages* 



**First Cycle of the  
review and appraisal  
of the Madrid  
International Plan of  
Action on Ageing**

**2007 - 2008**

### **First Review & Appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action**

#### **During 2002-2007, national action on ageing focused on:**

- a) Establishing/strengthening social protection mechanisms (e.g., introducing social pensions; stabilizing existing retirement and pension schemes);
- b) Extending health-care benefits to older persons;
- c) Adjusting labour markets and care systems to correspond to accelerated demographic ageing;
- d) Increasing the participation of older persons in various areas of society, including promoting the employment of older persons;
- e) Introducing training in geriatrics and gerontology;
- f) Preventing discrimination against and abuse of older persons;
- g) Establishing intergenerational solidarity programmes; and
- h) Enhancing the awareness of ageing-related issues

### **First Review & Appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action**

#### **Major obstacles in national policy action on ageing:**

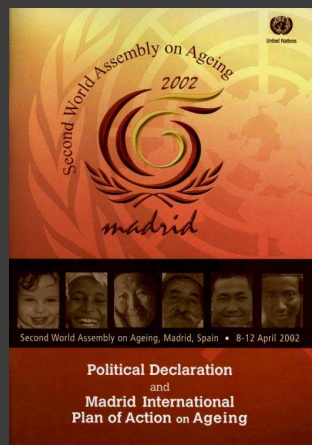
- (a) Limited coverage of older persons by formal social protection schemes & declines in informal systems;
- (b) Lack of access to adequate care;
- (c) Insufficient participation of older persons in political, economic, social, and cultural areas of societal life;
- (d) Limited possibilities for older persons in continuing education and training;
- (e) Limited arrangements for independent living of older persons to allow ageing in place;
- (f) Lack of empowerment of older persons for claiming their rights;
- (g) Low level of participation by older persons in policies and programmes;
- (h) Insufficient attention to the needs of rural older persons;
- (i) Unsatisfactory efforts to mainstream concerns of older persons into policy
- (j) Lack of age-disaggregated data and policy related research.

## First Review & Appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action

The capacity of countries to address the issues of ageing of their populations.

### Key constraints:

- ✓Lack of capacity to develop specific, comprehensive policies on ageing;
- ✓Scarcity of ageing-specific data and information;
- ✓Insufficient awareness of the benefits of social inclusion and the integration of older persons;
- ✓Lack of tangible efforts to engage or include older persons in policy processes;
- ✓Difficulties in translating existing strategic documents into concrete implementation measures; and
- ✓resource constraints.



**Strategic  
Implementation  
Framework**

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**Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: review of the relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups**

**Further implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing: Strategic Implementation Framework**

**Report of the Secretary-General**

*Summary*

Prepared in response to resolution 46/1 of the Commission for Social Development, the present report provides a strategic implementation framework for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing through the year 2012.

## Strategic Implementation Framework

### Purpose:

→ assist Member States as they focus their efforts on implementing the Madrid Plan of Action through the remaining years of its first decade, to 2012

### Nature:

→ a promotional document, rather than a technical one, as the recommendations of the Madrid Plan remain a principal guide for policy action on ageing

## Strategic Implementation Framework

### Content:

1. Determining key priority areas for further action on ageing
2. Implementation approaches
3. Essential implementation tools
4. International cooperation

## **Strategic Implementation Framework**

### **Content:**

#### **1. Determining key priority areas for further action on ageing:**

- analyze recent experience after the Second World Assembly on Ageing;
- review past and current progress;
- select priorities against national challenges and opportunities and the recommendations contained in the Madrid Plan; and
- choose methods and indicators for monitoring and evaluation

## **Strategic Implementation Framework**

#### **2. Implementation approaches for advancing the implementation process within the determined priorities:**

**Empowering older persons**

**Raising awareness of issues of ageing**

**Building national capacity on ageing**

**Mainstreaming ageing**

## **Strategic Implementation Framework**

**3. Essential implementation tools**  
aimed at developing national capacity on  
ageing :

**1. Evidence-based policies**

**2. Mainstreaming**

**4. Participatory approach to policy planning,  
design, implementation and monitoring**

**3. Indicators to measure progress in policy  
implementation**

**More information on the implementation of  
the Madrid International Plan of Action on  
Ageing at:**

**<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/ageing>**