



Working Group on Ageing  
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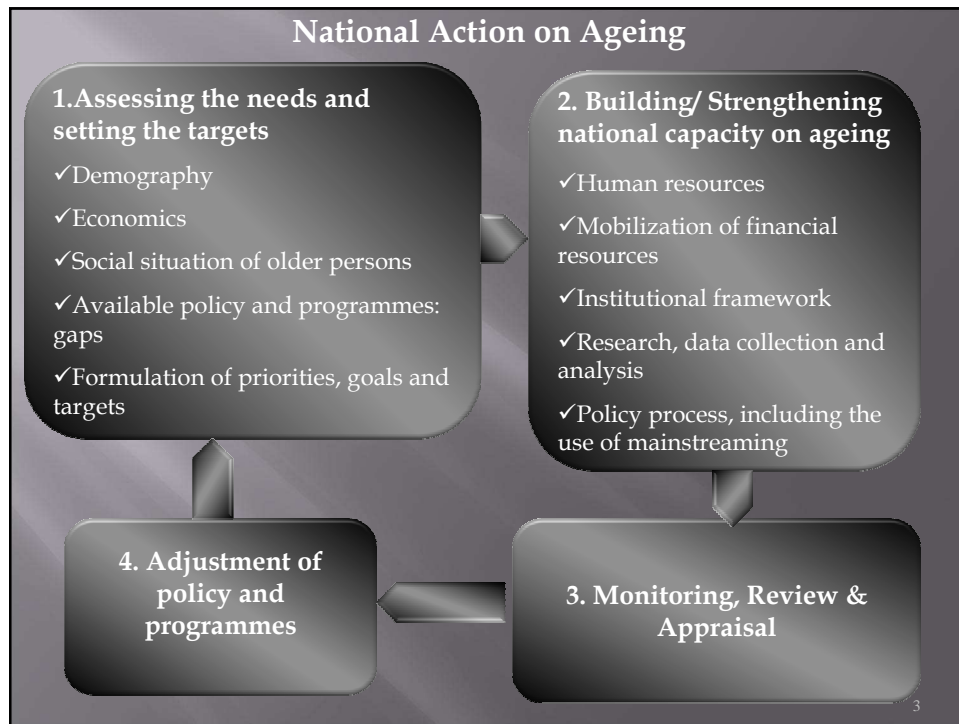
# IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MADRID PLAN OF ACTION: SUPPORTING NATIONAL CAPACITY ON AGEING



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*towards a society  
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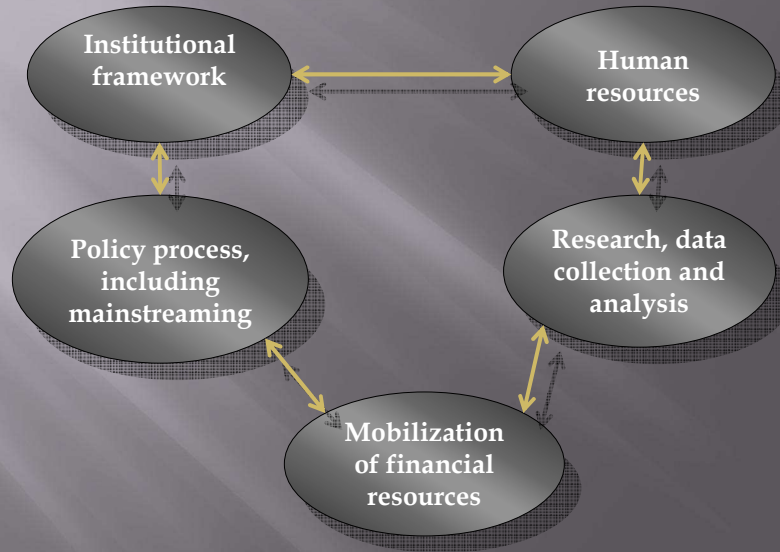


## What is national capacity on ageing?

**“Capacity-building is a multi-faceted process geared at strengthening the ability of people, institutions and societies to perform functions, solve problems and set and achieve objectives”**

S. Fukuda-Parr, C. Lopes, K. Malik, Eds., Capacity for development, UNDP, New York, 2002 p.8.

## The essential elements of national capacity:



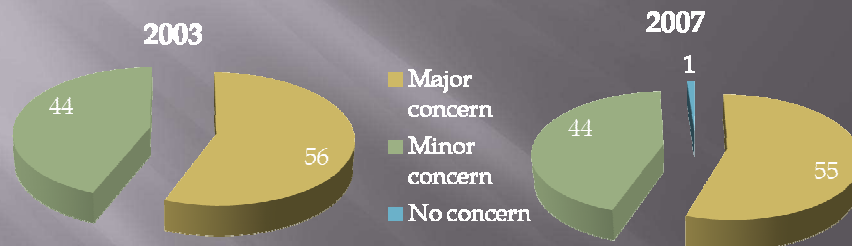
### First Review & Appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action

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.

## Government level of concern about the ageing of population in 2003 and 2007



UN Population Division, 2003; 2007

“Based on an analysis of information gathered during the first cycle of the review and appraisal, it is possible to envisage the **principal content** of future technical cooperation activities. Those activities should be aimed at assisting Governments to incorporate **mainstreaming, participatory** and **evidence-based** approaches as essential tools for designing, implementing and monitoring policy and programmes on ageing. In order to assist Governments in developing and utilizing these approaches, technical cooperation measures should focus on **training** as one of the most effective capacity-building mechanisms.”

*Report of the Secretary-General to the 63<sup>rd</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly (2008)*



## UN Department of Economic & Social Affairs

Supporting national efforts to build capacity to address challenges and opportunities of ageing:

→ Advisory services to countries on their request  
In UN ECE Region: Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan;  
Kyrgyzstan; Moldova (2007 - 2008)

→ Training workshops for National Government Focal Points on Ageing

### Training workshops for National Government Focal Points on Ageing



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10 workshops in all world regions, including 2 workshops in the UN ECE Region, 2008 - 2011

### **Training workshops for National Government Focal Points on Ageing**

Overall objective: enhance the capacity of Governments in developing countries and countries with economies in transition to *design, monitor and review and appraise* the implementation of MIPAA utilizing *ageing mainstreaming, participatory and evidence-based* approaches (three modules)

### **Training workshops for National Government Focal Points on Ageing**

Participants: National Focal Points on Ageing, as well as other key stakeholders involved in the national process of implementation of MIPAA, such as academics and civil society representatives