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ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**

WORKING GROUP ON AGEING

Eighth meeting of the Bureau
Oslo (Norway) 19-20 May 2016

04 May 2016

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
FOR THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE BUREAU**

The meeting will be held at the Government quarter, building R5, beginning at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday 19 May 2016. The working language will be English only. Documents will be distributed by e-mail as soon as they become available.

Day 1: 09:30–12:30 and 13:45–17:00

(lunch 12:30-13:45, coffee breaks a.m. & p.m., 15 min)

Venue: Government quarter, building R5, Akersgata 59, Oslo

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| 1. | Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda | 09:30-09:45 |
| 2. | Introduction by host country: keynote addresses and discussion | 09:45-10:45 |
| 3. | Report on the ageing-relevant outcomes of:
(a) the 54 th Session of the Commission for Social Development (3-12 February 2016)
(b) the 49 th Session of the Commission for Population and Development (11-15 April 2016)
(c) the 84 th meeting of the Executive Committee of ECE
as they relate to the UNECE Population programme and the Working Group on Ageing. | 11:00-11:30 |
| 4. | Progress on implementation of the WGA work programme for 2015 | 11:30-12:30 |
| | (a) Road Maps: | 13:45-14:45 |
| | i. Georgia: plan of action | |
| | ii. Armenia: evaluation exercise | |
| | (b) Policy Briefs | |
| | i. Policy Brief 17 (migration and older age) – final draft | |
| | ii. Policy Brief 18 (older persons in rural and remote areas) – initial outline | |
| | (c) Second capacity-building workshop on data gaps for active ageing indicators (June 2016) | |
| | (d) Active Ageing Index: conclusion of the second phase, programme of work for the third phase (May 2016 – April 2019) | |
| | (e) Other programme elements. | |

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| 5. | Third cycle of MIPAA/RIS Review and Appraisal | <i>15:00-16:45</i> |
| | (a) The process of national reporting and synthesis report | |
| | (b) Planning for 2017 Ministerial Conference – concept note and organizational matters: schedule, possible agenda, panellists, etc. | |
| | Round-up of the discussion and closing of the first day session | <i>16:45-17:00</i> |

Sightseeing and dinner *18:30-22:30*

Day 2: 9:30–12:30

(lunch 12:30 – 14:00, coffee break – a.m. 15 min.)

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| 5.(cont.) | Third cycle of MIPAA/RIS Review and Appraisal – continues | <i>9:30-11:15</i> |
| | (c) Drafting of the declaration for the Ministerial Conference | |
| | (d) Planning for research and non-governmental organization (NGO) forums | |
| 6. | Membership of the Working Group and its Bureau | <i>11:30-11:45</i> |
| 7. | Draft agenda of the ninth meeting of the Working Group on Ageing (21-22 November 2016) | <i>11:45-12:00</i> |
| 8. | Other business | <i>12:00-12:15</i> |
| 9. | Summary and closing of the meeting | <i>12:15-12:30</i> |
| | Lunch | <i>12:30-14:00</i> |

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Thursday 19 May

Venue: Government quarter, building R5, Akersgata 59, Oslo

Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

09:30-09:45

1. The Chair of the Working Group on Ageing, Ms. Erika Winkler of Austria, will open the meeting.
2. The National Focal Point on Ageing for Norway, Mr. Bjørn Halvorsen, will welcome participants.
3. The Bureau is expected to adopt the draft agenda.

Agenda item 2: Introduction by host country: keynote address and short discussion

09:45-10:45

4. Ms. Astrid N. Heiberg, former State Secretary, Ministry of Health and Care, Prof. MD PhD will give an opening speech.
5. Ms. Aina Strand, Project Manager at the Ministry of Health and Care will give a brief overview of the Norwegian strategy for Active Ageing.
6. Ms. Tora Aasland (former Minister of Higher Education and Research) from the National Centre for Senior Policies, Ms. Kari Østerud, the Director of the National Council for Senior Citizens, and Mr. Magne Mikal Hustavenes, Specialist Director at the Municipality of Oslo, will briefly inform the participants about their work.

Coffee break 10:45-11:00

Agenda item 3: Report on the ageing-relevant outcomes of the following as they relate to the UNECE Population programme and the Working Group on Ageing

11:00-11:30

For information

- (a) **the 54th Session of the Commission for Social Development (3-12 February 2016)**
7. The Secretariat will brief the Bureau on the discussions and relevant decisions taken at the CSD in New York.
- (b) **the 49th Session of the Commission for Population and Development (11-15 April 2016)**
8. The Secretariat will inform the Bureau on the discussions and relevant decisions taken at the CPD in New York.

- (c) **the 84th meeting of the Executive Committee of ECE (10 May 2016)**
9. The Chair will inform the Bureau on the discussion and the decision taken relating to the Working Group on Ageing at the Executive Committee of ECE in Geneva.

Agenda item 4: Progress on implementation of the WGA work programme for 2015

11:30-12:30

For information, discussion and recommendations

- (a) **Road Maps:**
- i. **Georgia: plan of action**
10. Ms. Ketevan Goginashvili of Georgia will report on the endorsement of a Plan of Action to implement the recommendations provided in Georgia's Road Map for Mainstreaming Ageing.
- ii. **Armenia: evaluation exercise**
11. The Secretariat will report on the monitoring and evaluation exercise for the Road Map for Mainstreaming Ageing in Armenia, including the evaluation mission to Yerevan undertaken in April 2016.
- (b) **Policy Briefs:**
- i. **Policy Brief 17 'Migration and older age'**
12. The Secretariat will present the final draft of the Policy Brief on migration and older age. The Bureau will be invited to comment on the brief.
- ii. **Policy Brief 18 'Older persons in rural and remote areas'**
13. The Secretariat will present an initial outline for the Policy Brief on older persons in rural and remote areas. The Bureau will be asked to discuss the outline and provide comments. The Bureau will be invited to propose topics for a Policy Brief to be issued in 2017, which should be linked to the theme of the Ministerial Conference.

Lunch 12:30-13:45

13:45-14:45

- (c) **Second capacity-building workshop on data gaps for active ageing indicators**
14. The Secretariat will inform the Bureau about the preparations for the second workshop on data gaps for active ageing indicators, which takes place on 23-24 June 2016, Minsk (Belarus).
- (d) **Active Ageing Index (conclusion of the second phase, programme of work for the third phase)**
15. The Secretariat will present an overview of the current work and events relating to the Active Ageing Index project, in particular the conclusion of the second phase in April 2016 and the programme of work for the third phase, from May 2016 to April 2019. The Bureau will be invited to discuss the information presented.

(e) Other programme elements

16. The Bureau Members will be invited to report on the conferences, workshops and other events organized (or planned for this year) by their countries or with their active participation (Slovenia, Austria, NGOs, others). Secretariat will report on some other activities currently or recently undertaken as part of the Programme of Work of the Working Group on Ageing: the Geneva-based inter-agency group on ageing meeting (April 2016) and the extraordinary meeting of the Consortium Board of the Generations and Gender Programme (May 2016). Bureau members will be invited to discuss and provide feedback where relevant.

Coffee break 14:45-15:00

Agenda item 5: Third cycle of MIPAA/RIS Review and Appraisal

15:00-16:45

For information, discussion, recommendations and decisions

(a) The process of national reporting and format of the synthesis report

17. The Chair will remind the Bureau of the framework for national reporting and lead the discussion about the format of the synthesis report. The Bureau will discuss and suggest the possible format of the synthesis report.

(b) Planning for 2017 Ministerial Conference – concept note and organizational matters: schedule, suggested agenda, panellists, etc.

18. The Bureau members from Slovenia and Portugal will inform about their respective government decision regarding the hosting of the 2017 Ministerial Conference. The Bureau will make final suggestion for the venue and date of the conference.
19. The Chair will report on the discussions of the Bureau sub-group working on the structure of the conference and present the latest version of the concept note. The Bureau will discuss and agree on the provisional format and structure of the conference including the schedule, agenda and panellists. The Chair together with the Secretariat will finalize the concept note after the Bureau meeting and will submit it for discussion and adoption at the 9th meeting of the Working Group in November 2016.

16:45-17:00

Round-up of the discussion and closing of the first day session

Sightseeing and dinner 18:30-22:30

A city walk will begin at 18:30 from the Hotel Royal Christiania (Biskop Gunnerusgate 3, Oslo). The walk will be guided by Mr. Bernt Bull, Chairman of the board of Oslo City Museum, former Chairman of the Planning commission City of Oslo. This will be followed by dinner at 20:30 at Festningen Restaurant, Myntgata 9 (Akershus Castle).

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continues **Agenda item 5: Third cycle of MIPAA/RIS Review and Appraisal**

9:30-11:15

(c) Drafting of the declaration for the Ministerial Conference

20. The Vice-Chair will report on the discussions in the Bureau sub-group concerning the drafting of a declaration and present the latest draft text for it. The Bureau will be invited to provide comments and suggestions and agree on main elements and formulations of the declaration draft to be presented for the discussion at the 9th meeting of WGA.

(d) Planning for research and non-governmental organization (NGO) forums

21. The representatives of the research community and non-governmental organizations will brief the Bureau on the plans for the research and NGO forums. The Bureau will be invited to discuss and provide feedback.

Coffee break 11:15-11:30

Agenda item 6: Membership of the Working Group and its Bureau

11:30-11:45

For discussion and decisions

22. The Chair will lead the Bureau in discussions regarding the current and future membership of the Bureau, attaching a particular importance to active and hands-on involvement in the preparations for the 2017 Ministerial Conference as well as the research and NGO forums. The Secretariat will provide a brief update on national focal points on ageing across the UNECE region, observers from international organizations and civil society.

Agenda item 7: Draft agenda of the ninth meeting of the Working Group on Ageing (21-22 November 2016)

11:45-12:00

For discussion and decisions

23. The Secretariat will present a draft provisional agenda for the ninth meeting of the Working Group on Ageing. Bureau members will discuss and decide on the main items for the agenda.

Agenda item 8: Other business

12:00-12:15

24. Any other business, including any items to be reported to the Bureau for information, may be raised under this agenda item.

Agenda item 9: Summary and closing of the meeting

12:15-12:30

25. The Chair will summarize the discussions, decisions and action points arising from the meeting.
26. The Bureau will decide upon the date of its next meeting (possibly early spring 2017 in order to finalize and submit the draft declaration for the formal consultations with the member States, discuss advanced preparations for the conference)
27. The Chair and the host country representative will close the meeting.

Lunch 12:30-14:00