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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the twelfth meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, beginning on Monday,
18 November 2019 at 10 a.m.*

I. Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Report of the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing (WGA) and briefing on the outcomes of ageing-related events during 2019:
 - (a) The Bureau of the WGA;
 - (b) Transformation of the Working Group on Ageing to a Standing Working group on Ageing and revised Terms of Reference;
 - (c) The fifty-second session of the Commission on Population and Development and the tenth session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing in New York; and the Beijing+25 Regional Review Meeting.
4. New and ongoing international initiatives in the area of ageing and the follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
 - (a) In Focus: Understanding ageism;
 - (b) International initiatives in the area of ageing;
 - (c) 2030 Agenda follow-up.

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5. Country experiences: aligning policy measures and strategies on ageing with the Lisbon Ministerial Declaration.
6. The WGA work programme for the fourth implementation cycle of the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA/RIS) in 2018-2022:
 - (a) International cooperation, exchange of experience and policy discussion:
 - (i) Policy seminars on ageing;
 - (ii) Policy briefs;
 - (b) Guidelines and policy recommendations, advisory services and capacity-building
 - (i) Road maps on mainstreaming ageing;
 - (ii) Guidelines for mainstreaming ageing;
 - (c) Monitoring the implementation of MIPAA/RIS and building an evidence base for policymaking.
 - (i) Active Ageing Index;
 - (ii) Generations and Gender Programme;
 - (iii) Preparations for the fourth review and appraisal of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing.
7. Programme of work of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2020
8. Financing of the work programme.
9. Other business, summary and conclusions of the meeting.

II. Annotations

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Timing: Monday 18 November 10.00 – 10.10

Documentation: Annotated provisional agenda of the twelfth meeting of the Working Group on Ageing (ECE/WG.1/2019/1)

1. The provisional agenda contained in the present document is based on the draft outline agreed upon by the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing (WGA) at its eleventh meeting (ECE/WG.1/2019/3) and is presented for approval. The Working Group is asked to adopt the agenda.

2. Election of officers

Timing: Monday 18 November 10.10 – 10.20

2. According to the Terms of Reference of the Working Group based on the Guidelines on procedures and practices for ECE bodies, the Bureau is elected for a two-year period with a possibility of Bureau members to serve for three consecutive two-year periods. At the twelfth meeting of the Working Group a new Bureau has to be elected including a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Working Group. Following the call for nominations to the Bureau and the Chair's and Vice-Chair's positions, the member States are invited to submit nominations of their candidates to the secretariat in advance of the meeting.

3. Report of the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing (WGA) and briefing on the outcomes of ageing-related events during 2019

(a) The Bureau of the WGA

Timing: Monday 18 November 10.20 – 10.35

Documentation: *Report of the eleventh meeting of the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing (ECE/WG.1/2019/3)*

3. The report of the Bureau meeting will be presented by the representative of Portugal, the host country of the meeting.

(b) Transformation of the Working Group on Ageing to a Standing Working Group on Ageing and revised Terms of Reference

Timing: Monday 18 November 10.35 – 10.50

Documentation: *Terms of Reference of the Standing Working Group on Ageing (ECE/EX/2019/L.1)*

4. The Chair will report on the decision of EXCOM at its 103rd meeting on 1 February 2019 and on the decision of the Economic Commission for Europe on 10 April 2019 to change the name to Standing Working Group on Ageing and on the revised Terms of Reference (TOR).

5. Working Group members will be invited to share their views and discuss the opportunities for strengthening work on ageing that the revised TOR provide for.

(c) The fifty-second session of the Commission on Population and Development and the tenth session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing in New York; and the Beijing+25 Regional Review Meeting

Timing: Monday 18 November 10.50 – 11.10

6. The secretariat will brief WGA on the fifty-second session of the Commission on Population and Development that took place on 1-5 April 2019 during which the review and appraisal of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development concluded with a High-level interactive panel and numerous side events.

7. The vice-Chair will brief WGA on the tenth session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing that took place on 15-18 April 2019.

8. The secretariat will inform about the outcomes of the Beijing+25 Regional Review as it pertains to population ageing issues.

4. New and ongoing international initiatives in the area of ageing and the follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Timing: Monday 18 November 11.10 – 12.15

(a) In Focus: Understanding ageism (40 mins)

9. Prof. Liat Ayalon, Bar Ilan University, Israel, will deliver an expert lecture on the topic of ageism, reporting on recent international research in the field of ageism. During the discussion working group members will be invited to share national and international initiatives developed to tackle ageism.

(b) International initiatives in the area of ageing (15 mins)

10. The team of the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons will brief on the report about the human rights protection of older persons in situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies. Representatives of international organizations. World Health Organization, International Labour Organization, and others will inform the Working Group about recent initiatives and projects in the area of ageing. The presentations will be followed by discussion.

(c) **2030 Agenda follow-up (10 mins)**

11. WGA members who took part in the UNECE Regional Forum on Sustainable Development on 21-22 March 2019 in Geneva and the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on SDGs in New York on 9-18 July 2019 under the theme “Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality” will brief participants about the proceedings and outcomes of these events as they pertain to ageing issues.

5. Country experiences: aligning policy measures and strategies on ageing with the Lisbon Ministerial Declaration

Timing: Monday 18 November 12.15 – 13.00

12. Member States (Italy, Norway and others to be confirmed) will present their policies on population ageing and actions undertaken in line with the Lisbon Ministerial Declaration and 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development. The presentations will be followed by discussion and all SWGA members will have an opportunity to briefly share most recent relevant experiences. In order to allocate sufficient time for interventions, interested member States are requested to contact the secretariat at least two weeks before the meeting.

6. The WGA work programme for the fourth implementation cycle of the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA/RIS) in 2018-2022

Documentation: Implementation of the Work Programme of the Working Group on Ageing in 2019 (ECE/WG.1/2019/4) Draft Programme of work of the Population component of the subprogramme on Housing, Land Management and Population for 2020 (ECE/WG.1/2019/5).

13. The secretariat will present the elements of the work programme implemented in 2019 and planned activities for 2020. In the following these are thematically grouped and will be discussed together. Under Item 7 members of the WGA will be invited to adopt the implementation report 2019 and approve the programme of work for 2020.

(a) **International cooperation, exchange of experience and policy discussion**

(i) **Policy seminars on ageing**

Timing: Monday 18 November 15.00 – 15.20

Documentation: Concept Note and Agenda for 2019 policy seminar

14. The secretariat will inform about the feedback and follow-up on the first policy seminar on Ageing and the Sustainable Development Goals that took place in November 2018. Members of WGA will be briefed on preparations for the second policy seminar on Informal care for persons with dementia on 20 November 2019 and will be asked to express their views regarding the preparations and format of the policy seminars on ageing.

15. Members of the group will be invited to brainstorm on topics for the third Policy Seminar on Ageing to be held in 2020.

(ii) **Policy briefs**

Timing: Monday 18 November 15.20–15.40, Coffee break 15.40 – 16.00, Break out session 16.00-17.30, Reporting back on group discussions 17.30 – 18.00

Documentation: Policy Brief No. 22 on Informal Carers, Policy Brief No. 23 on Women and Age, draft Policy Brief No. 24 on “Ageing in urban areas”

16. The secretariat will present a draft of Policy Brief No. 24 on ageing in urban areas. Participants will be invited to provide feedback on the presented documents.

17. The secretariat will present an initial outline for Policy Brief No. 25 on older persons in emergency situations and introduce the break out session during which participants will share national experiences and discuss topics for future policy briefs and policy seminars. The rapporteurs of each discussion group will then briefly report back to plenary.

(b) Guidelines and policy recommendations, advisory services and capacity-building

(i) Road maps for mainstreaming ageing

Timing: Tuesday 19 November 9.30 – 10.00

Documentation: *Roadmap for Mainstreaming Ageing for Belarus*

18. The secretariat together with the representative of Belarus will inform about the roadmap for Mainstreaming Ageing for Belarus and the National Strategy on Ageing for Belarus. The secretariat will inform about new / planned road map projects.

19. The members of WGA will be invited to inform the group about the relevant trainings, workshops and seminars held in the course of 2019.

(ii) Guidelines for mainstreaming ageing

Timing: Tuesday 19 November 10.00 – 12.30; 14.30 – 15:15

20. The Chair will report on the work done in 2019 by the Taskforce on Mainstreaming Ageing towards the preparation of Guidelines on Mainstreaming Ageing. Taskforce members will be invited to report to the group on work conducted between June and November.

21. The secretariat will introduce the 2nd break out session during which participants will be invited to comment on draft modules of the guidelines on mainstreaming ageing and share their national practices on this topic.

22. The outcome of the group discussions will be briefly summarized by rapporteurs after the lunch break from 14:30 – 15:15.

(c) Monitoring the implementation of MIPAA/RIS and building an evidence base for policymaking

Timing: Tuesday 19 November 15.15 – 16.15

23. The secretariat will inform the Working Group about the monitoring activities under the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA/RIS), and tools for building evidence for policymaking. Member States will be invited to share their experiences and suggest possible additional activities under this item.

(i) Active Ageing Index (30 mins)

24. Meeting participants will hear about the work done in 2019 under the third phase of the Active Ageing Index (AAI) project, including the organization of the stakeholder seminar on AAI (17 June 2019 in Brussels), national seminars, the 2019 Analytical report, a visualisation tool. Romania and Spain will be invited to report on national seminars on AAI.

25. As the third phase of the AAI project was completed in 2019, WGA will be invited to reflect on how regular updates of AAI could be incorporated in the work programme for the fourth review and appraisal of MIPAA/RIS.

(ii) Generations and Gender Programme (10 mins)

26. The secretariat will also brief WGA on the recent developments in the Generations and Gender Programme (GGP) followed by a discussion about the use of GGP data as an evidence base for policymaking in the region. Representatives of member States who recently joined GGP will be invited to share their views on this matter.

(iii) Preparations for the fourth review and appraisal of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (20 mins)

27. The preparations for the fourth review and appraisal cycle of MIPAA/RIS (2018-2022), at the UNECE regional level will have to start in spring 2020. The members of WGA will discuss the timeline for preparation and submission of the national reports and their synthesis, and the development of the guidelines for the country reports — a first draft to be prepared by the WGA Bureau in cooperation with the Secretariat.

28. WGA members will be asked to consider hosting the Ministerial Conference in 2022 and agree on a preliminary date.

7. Programme of work of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2020

Timing: Tuesday 19 November 16.30– 16.40

Documentation: *Implementation of the Work Programme of the Working Group on Ageing in 2019 (ECE/WG.1/2019/4) Draft Programme of work of the Population component of the subprogramme on Housing, Land Management and Population for 2020 (ECE/WG.1/2019/5).*

29. The Working Group is invited to adopt and recommend to the Executive Committee for approval the draft programme of work of the Population component of the subprogramme on Housing, Land Management and Population for 2020. The Working Group will also be invited to approve the report on the Implementation of the Work Programme of the Working Group on Ageing in 2019.

8. Financing of the work programme

Timing: Tuesday 19 November 16.40 – 17.10

30. The secretariat will report on the current status of the financing of the programme, including budget allocations of recent donations, and identify areas that require further contribution. Members of the Working Group will be invited to pledge and to discuss funding opportunities.

31. The Working Group on Ageing will be informed of recent developments regarding the preparation of the United Nations plan and budget, and the implications for the work of the Working Group.

9. Other business, summary and conclusions of the meeting

Timing: Tuesday 19 November 17.10 – 17.30

32. The WGA members wishing to discuss other issues under this agenda item are invited to inform the secretariat before the meeting.

33. The Chair, with the assistance of the secretariat, will summarize the decisions taken at the annual session of the Working Group on Ageing and close the meeting.

III. Tentative timetable

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>
Monday, 18 November 2019	
10:00 – 10:10	Item 1: Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
10:10 – 10:20	Item 2: Election of Officers
	Item 3: Report of the Bureau of SWGA and briefing on the outcome of ageing-related events during 2019
10:20 – 10:35	(a) The Bureau of the Standing Working Group on Ageing
10:35 – 10:50	(b) Transformation of the Working Group on Ageing to a Standing Working Group on Ageing and Revised terms of reference
10:50 – 11:10	(c) The fifty-second session of the Commission on Population and Development; tenth session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing; Beijing +25 Regional Review Meeting
11:10 – 12:15	Item 4: New and ongoing international initiatives in the area of ageing and the follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
12:15 – 13:00	Item 5: Country experiences: aligning policy measures and strategies on ageing with the Lisbon Ministerial Declaration
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch break
	Item 6: The Working Group on Ageing work programme for the fourth implementation cycle of the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (2018-2022)
	(a) International cooperation, exchange of experience and policy discussion
15:00 – 15:20	(i) Policy seminars on ageing
15:20 – 15:40	(ii) Policy Briefs
15:40 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:30	First break-out session of the discussion groups: focus on policy seminar topic for 2020 and Policy Brief No. 25
17:30 – 18:00	Groups reconvene in plenary to report back on group discussions
18:00	Closing of the first day
18:00 – 19:00	Evening reception & vernissage of poster exhibition “What’s old anyways?”

**Tuesday,
19 November 2019**

09:30 – 10:00	Item 6 (cont.) (b) Guidelines and Policy recommendations, advisory services and capacity-building (iii) Roadmaps on Mainstreaming ageing
10:00 – 12:30	(iv) Guidelines for Mainstreaming Ageing
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 – 15:15	Item 6 (cont.): summary of the group discussions
15:15 – 16:15	Item 6 (cont.) (c): Monitoring the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing implementation and building evidence base for policymaking (v) Active Ageing Index (30 mins) (vi) Generation and Gender Programme (10 mins) (vii) Preparations for the fourth review and appraisal of the implementation of MIPAA (20 mins)
16:15 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 16:40	Item 7: Programme of work of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2020
16:40 – 17:10	Item 8: Financing of the work programme
17:10– 17:30	Item 9: Other business, summary and conclusions of the meeting
17:30	Closing of the meeting
