
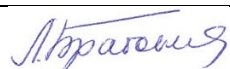



MANAGEMENT RESPONSE

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| Evaluation Title: | Advancing intergovernmental work towards the implementation of the 2017 Lisbon Ministerial Declaration and MIPAA/RIS commitments | | |
| Period of Review: | from September 2016 to September 2020 | | |
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Recommendation 1:

Enhance the relevance, effectiveness, and sustainability of the SWGA by strengthening the political will among member States to support the UNECE work on ageing through active engagement with the Permanent Missions in Geneva and by seeking ways to actively engage more National Focal Points in Ageing (NFPA) in the activities of the Working Group.

Management Response:

UNECE accepts the recommendation

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

In 2021, the Population Unit will more actively engage with the Permanent Missions in Geneva, organize bilateral exchange in case no National Focal Point on Ageing is designated for some reason. Promoting voluntary involvement in ad-hoc task forces and discussion groups may help to engage more NFPAs in the SWGA work.

Responsible – Chief of Population Unit

Recommendation 2:

Strengthen the relevance of the MIPAA/RIS review process to become a stronger accountability mechanism for governments, including by engaging in further discussion on the subject at the SWGA and make a concerted decision on the future modality of the periodic review process, based on the needs and realities of member States, with due respect to the guiding rules and regulations of the United Nations.

Management Response:

UNECE partially accepts the recommendation

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

The modalities for MIPAA review and appraisal are agreed upon by the member States at the Commission for Social Development and approved by ECOSOC resolutions (the latest 2020/8). The Secretariat has initiated the discussion at the SWGA and its Bureau to gauge the needs to adjust the modalities at the regional level and supported preparation of the guidelines for national reporting on MIPAA/RIS implementation. The target is to conclude this discussion by November 2022.

Responsible – Chief of Population Unit

Recommendation 3:

Make effort to include gender and vulnerability issues in the programming cycle in a more systematic manner, including through mainstreaming of these issues in the situation analysis and integration of specific gender-sensitive results and performance measures, as well as clarify what the concept of “vulnerable groups” includes and reflect this in the future programme documents.

Management Response:

UNECE partially accepts this recommendation

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

Programme budget format is owned by the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Finance (OPPBF), and developed on the basis of resolution 72/266, on an annual basis for a trial period until 2022 (2023 Proposed programme budget). The Population Unit activities and deliverables are gender sensitive in principle as stated in the evaluation report. Efforts will be made to clarify the concept of “vulnerable groups” among ageing population in the context of the submission of the 2023 Proposed programme budget, if the format allows.

Responsible – Chief of Population Unit

Recommendation 4:

Ensure greater coherence on ageing issues at national and regional levels by strengthening the linkages between 2030 Agenda and the SDG ‘s reporting frameworks with MIPAA/RIS commitments, including through promotion of the use of age-specific indicators in the SDGs monitoring and reporting frameworks, and provision of practical tools and advice on doing so. In pursuing greater coherence with the 2030 Agenda, the Population Unit should seek stronger collaboration with the UN Resident Coordinator’s offices at national level as well as with the Geneva-based Interagency Working Group on Ageing.

Management Response:

UNECE accepts the recommendation

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

Population Unit will seek to promote the use of age-specific indicators in the SDGs monitoring and reporting frameworks by advancing their inclusion in Voluntary National Reviews (NVRs) and national reports on ICPD (International Conference on Population and Development) implementation among others. The Unit will seek stronger collaboration with the UN Resident Coordinator’s offices at national level and will ensure coordination of the Geneva-based Interagency Group on Ageing.

Responsible – Chief of Population Unit, Target: 31 December 2022

Recommendation 5:

Further improve the relevance and effectiveness of some of its major deliverables, such as the Active Ageing Index (AAI) and the Policy Briefs to mitigate the identified shortcomings and ensure that they support policy-making processes at national level.

Management Response:

UNECE accepts the recommendation

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

Population Unit will promote the use of the AAI indicators for the Statistical annex to the 2022 Synthesis report on MIPAA/RIS implementation and support AAI calculation in non-EU countries, provided additional human and financial resources could be made available. The identified individual concerns regarding the Policy Brief format will be discussed with the SWGA and its Bureau during preparation of the next work programme (2023-2027) in November 2022.

Responsible – Chief of Population Unit

Recommendation 6:

Mitigate the negative staffing and budget situation of the Population Unit, including by: a) being more assertive in the approach with donors, to ensure funding of extra-budgetary projects that include financial allocations for additional staff; and b) fill in the staffing gap by either ensuring that the current P-2 post is upgraded to P-3 and/or facilitate additional staff from other UNECE Units to support the Population Unit for a suitable period of time to help the Unit fundraise and develop new XB projects.

Management Response:

UNECE accepts the recommendation

Follow up actions and responsibilities:

Population Unit has been and will be in future working with donors to ensure some financial allocations for additional project support staff. The request to upgrade P-2 post to P-3 will be initiated in the context of the 2022 Proposed programme budget.

Responsible – Chief of Population Unit and Division Director