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**Programme of work of the Population component  
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subprogramme for 2022 and recommendations on key  
components of the programme of work for 2023**

## **Draft programme of work of the Population Component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2022**

### Note by the Secretariat

#### Introduction

1. The present document sets out the draft programme of work of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2022. The Standing Working Group on Ageing (SWGGA) is invited to adopt it and recommend to the Executive Committee (Excom) for approval. Any subsequent additional, discontinued or carried over outputs will be reflected in UN Umoja system used by the Secretariat for planning, monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the programme.
2. The draft programme of work applies a results-based management (RBM) approach, a broad management approach which establishes logical relationship between the hierarchical results (deliverables – objectives – impact) known as ‘results chain’, the resources (human and financial) known as ‘inputs’ and the external factors (strategic, governance, operational, financial) which can prevent from achieving the objective.
3. The objective, the strategy, the planned results and the deliverables in the draft programme of work correspond to those contained in the ECE proposed programme budget for 2022. The work of the subprogramme is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In attaining its objective, the subprogramme builds on cross-sectoral collaboration with other subprogrammes in relevant ECE nexus areas where multiple SDGs converge<sup>1</sup>. This type of collaboration enables the subprogramme to maximize existing

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<sup>1</sup> The ECE nexus areas are as follows: (a) Sustainable use of natural resources; (b) Sustainable and smart cities for all ages; (c) Sustainable mobility and smart connectivity; and (d) Measuring and monitoring progress towards achieving the SDGs.



synergies, increase the efficiency of its work and have a multiplying effect on the impact of its actions to support countries to implement SDGs. The deliverables of the subprogramme fall into the following main categories: (a) facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies; (b) generation and transfer of knowledge, including technical cooperation projects, training events, seminars, workshops, and publications; (c) other substantive deliverables, and (d) communication deliverables.

4. The details of the proposed publications are provided in Annex I. The legislative mandates specific for the subprogramme are listed in Annex II.

## **I. Objective**

5. The objective, to which the subprogramme contributes, is to strengthen member State-owned programmes and policies promoting decent, adequate, affordable, energy-efficient and healthy housing for all, smart sustainable cities, sustainable urban development and land management, and to advance evidence-based population and social cohesion policies.

## **II. Strategy**

6. The responsibility for the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme is vested in the Statistical Division.

7. The strategy of the subprogramme is based on the implementation of the core interlinked functions, namely, international policy dialogue, normative work and capacity-building and the sharing of best practices and lessons learned in all areas of the subprogramme's work.

8. To contribute to the advancement of evidence-based population and social cohesion policies, the subprogramme will continue to facilitate cooperation between member States, regional agencies and other partners. It will support the review and follow-up activities to assess progress in implementing the ECE regional strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002, at the national and regional levels. The strategy was adopted by ECE member States at the ECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing held in Berlin on 11 September 2002 as a follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing. In an effort to have ageing mainstreamed into all policy fields, the strategy outlines commitments in 10 priority areas. The subprogramme will provide a platform for intergovernmental policy debate on matters related to mainstreaming ageing and will facilitate communication with a wider network of experts and NGOs. It will support evidence-based policymaking and monitoring of the implementation of the strategy by coordinating data collection on active ageing indicators and policy-oriented research on ageing and intergenerational and gender relations. The subprogramme will also support the development of national capacities for policy formulation through its policy seminars/master classes and policy briefs that focus on specific policy challenges and possible policy solutions, showcasing good practices from across the region.

9. The population component of the subprogramme plans to support member States on issues related to COVID-19 by assessing lessons learned and strengthening capacity to enhance preparedness and emergency response to mitigate the risks for older persons and uphold their rights and dignity during and beyond the pandemic. A special provision included in the ECE guidelines for national reporting on the fourth review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing will provide a basis for summarizing the lessons learned from COVID-19 and sharing successful policy responses in a 2022 synthesis report on the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action and its Regional Implementation Strategy.

10. The above-mentioned work in the thematic area of population is expected to result in:

- (a) An improvement in the design and implementation of integrated policies for active and healthy ageing;
- (b) Policy approaches that advance the rights and dignity of older persons and their contribution to a sustainable and inclusive society for all ages.

11. The planned support on issues related to COVID-19 is expected to result in:

More prominent consideration of older persons in the mechanisms and operations of national and regional emergency responses such as the COVID-19 pandemic

### III. Planned results for 2022

12. The planned results for 2022 include result 1, which is an update of the result presented in the preceding proposed programme plan and therefore shows both the programme performance in 2020 and the proposed programme plan for 2022. Result 2 is a new planned result.

#### **Result 1: countries launch new guidelines on how to mainstream ageing to achieve a society for all ages**

##### **Programme performance in 2020**

13. The subprogramme has completed a stocktaking exercise on mainstreaming policies, tools and practice developed by ECE member States – 23 country notes were received – and facilitated the drafting process of the new guidelines on mainstreaming ageing under the leadership of the task force. In 2020, the subprogramme also led two-month-long consultations with the national focal points on ageing and experts in the field on the draft guidelines and supported the revision of the draft guidelines. (Constructive comments and suggestions received from 22 reviewers were taken into account to the extent possible).

14. The above-mentioned work contributed to the review and adoption of guidelines on mainstreaming ageing by the ECE Standing Working Group on Ageing in order to benefit policymakers across the region, which met the planned target, reflected in the programme budget for 2021.

##### **Proposed programme plan for 2022**

15. The subprogramme will continue the work related to the planned result, in line with its mandate. To contribute to further progress towards the objective, the subprogramme will develop an online training programme for policymakers, technical experts and other stakeholders that would support the application of the guidelines in their local context. The expected progress is presented in the performance measure below (see table 1).

Table 1  
**Performance measure**

<i>2018 (actual)</i>	<i>2019 (actual)</i>	<i>2020 (actual)</i>	<i>2021 (planned)*</i>	<i>2022 (planned)</i>
Member States decide to develop guidelines and to establish a task force to lead this	The task force commences its work on developing guidelines and pilots a stocktaking exercise on mainstreaming	Member States reviewed and adopted guidelines on mainstreaming ageing to benefit	Member States are expected to launch the implementation of guidelines and support the development of	The guidelines-based online training programme contributes to setting up strategic frameworks for mainstreaming

work.	practices in several countries.	policymakers across the region.	a toolkit.	ageing in a number of ECE countries.
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\* To maintain accountability for initial programme plans, the 2021 target is carried forward from the programme budget for 2021 and reflects best estimates at that point in time before the COVID-19 pandemic. Programme performance for 2021 will be reported in the proposed programme budget for 2023.

## **Result 2: Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing beyond 2022: reaching a consensus on the goals and actions for healthy and active ageing in a sustainable world**

### **Proposed programme plan for 2022**

16. The Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing adopted at the Second World Assembly on Ageing, in 2002, contained a request for a systematic review of its implementation as being essential for the Plan's success in improving the quality of life of older persons. The ECE Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid Plan of Action, adopted at the ECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing in Berlin, in 2002, reasserted that requirement. The first three 5-year cycles of review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action/Regional Implementation Strategy implementation were concluded at ECE Ministerial Conferences in 2007 (León, Spain), 2012 (Vienna) and 2017 (Lisbon) and through the adoption of the relevant ministerial declarations. They involved participatory "bottom-up" elements – engaging civil society and older persons themselves – and generated knowledge for policymakers, supported action and promoted public awareness.

17. The fourth 5-year review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action and its Regional Implementation Strategy will end in 2022. Following the reviews at the national level, the subprogramme will consolidate and analyse information, including gender perspectives, in the synthesis report and coordinate consultations among ECE member States on the next five-year goals and actions for healthy and active ageing across the region. The fourth regional review and appraisal will culminate with the ECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing in 2022 and adoption of the corresponding ministerial declaration. The subprogramme will facilitate the preparation of a consensus draft declaration, which is expected to reflect on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and align with the 2030 Agenda and United Nations Decade on Healthy Ageing (2021–2030).

#### *Lessons learned and planned change*

18. The lesson for the subprogramme was that, since spring 2020, there was a growing demand to address the increasing vulnerability of older persons in emergency situations and to link the reporting on the fourth 5-year review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing/Regional Implementation Strategy and efforts to mitigate the COVID-19 impact on older men and women. In applying the lesson, the subprogramme will embed the principles of upholding the fundamental rights and dignity of older persons and the lessons learned from COVID-19 for preparedness, relief and recovery of emergency situations as they relate to older persons.

#### *Expected progress towards the attainment of the objective, and performance measure*

19. The above-mentioned work is expected to contribute to the objective, as demonstrated by a 2022 Ministerial Conference on Ageing adopting by acclamation its outcome document, which outlines the goals and main actions for healthy and active ageing for the period 2023 –2027.

Table 2  
Performance measure

2018 (actual)	2019 (actual)	2020 (actual)	2021 (planned)	2022 (planned)
Member States agreed on the work programme of the ECE Working Group on Ageing for 2018– 2022 and the fourth review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing/ Regional Implementation Strategy. The programme envisages the preparation of the Madrid Plan of Action/ Regional Implementation Strategy +20 report. (MIPAA/RIS+20)	Member States decided on a tentative timeline for the fourth review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action / Regional Implementation Strategy. The ECE Standing Working Group on Ageing tasks its Bureau with the development of guidelines for national reports.	The Bureau issues the guidelines for national reports and launches the fourth review and appraisal exercise in the region. A concept note for the 2022 Ministerial Conference on Ageing is discussed at the annual meeting of the ECE Standing Working Group on Ageing.	Member States hold national review and appraisal exercises and submit their national reports to the ECE secretariat. The Bureau prepares the first draft of the ministerial declaration for consultation with the member States.	Member States hold intergovernmental consultations on a draft ministerial declaration to be submitted at the 2022 Ministerial Conference. The 2022 Ministerial Conference adopts by acclamation its outcome document outlining the goals and main actions for healthy and active ageing in 2023–2027 that safeguard the dignity and rights of older persons.

#### IV. Deliverables

20. Table 3 lists all deliverables, by category and subcategory, for the period 2020–2022 that contributed and are expected to contribute to the attainment of the objective stated above.

Table 3  
Population component: deliverables for the period 2020–2022, by category and subcategory

Category and subcategory	2020 planned	2020 actual	2021 planned	2022 planned
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>				
<b>Parliamentary documentation</b> (number of documents)	5	5	5	6
1.Documentation for the Standing Working Group on Ageing	5	5	5	4
2.Documentation for the Ministerial Conference on Ageing	–	–	–	2
				<b>5</b>

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2020 planned</i>	<i>2020 actual</i>	<i>2021 planned</i>	<i>2022 planned</i>
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	7	7	7	11
3.Meetings of the Standing Working Group on Ageing	7	7	7	7
4.Ministerial Conference on Ageing	–	–	–	4
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>				
<b>Field and technical cooperation projects</b> (number of projects)	-	–	1	-
5.Road map for mainstreaming ageing project for a specific country	–	–	1	–
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)	1	1	2	1
6.Workshops and policy seminars on population ageing issues for policymakers, experts, practitioners and other stakeholders in countries of the ECE region	1	1	2	1
<b>Publications</b> (number of publications)	3	3	4	2
7.Publications on population	3	3	4	4
<b>Technical materials</b> (number of materials)	-	-	1	-
8.Guidelines on mainstreaming ageing	–	–	1	–
<b>C. Substantive deliverables</b>				
<b>Consultation, advice and advocacy:</b> generations and gender programme – support for the council of partners; country microdata submission and researchers’ access agreements; advisory services for government officials and other stakeholders, to develop national capacities in designing and implementing ageing-related policies and programmes.				
<b>Fact-finding, monitoring and investigation missions:</b> fact-finding missions for government officials and other stakeholders to develop national capacities in designing and implementing ageing-related policies and programmes.				
<b>Databases and substantive digital materials:</b> update and maintenance of the active ageing indicators data set for regional access.				
<b>D. Communication deliverables</b>				
<b>Outreach programmes, special events and information materials:</b> booklet of the Standing Working Group on Ageing and ageing-related side events for various stakeholders.				
<b>External and media relations:</b> press releases related to population activities for regional access.				
<b>Digital platforms and multimedia content:</b> update and maintenance of the websites related to population activities for global and regional access; Active Ageing Index wiki.				

## Annex I

### Details of proposed publications and information materials for 2022

#### A. Publications

<i>Item no.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Print and/or electronic</i>	<i>Trim size</i>	<i>No. of pages</i>	<i>Original language(s)</i>	<i>Translated language(s) and Source of funding (RB or XB)</i>	<i>No. of copies and language(s)</i>
1	Policy brief on ageing	ECE/WG.1/2020/2	Electronic	A4	30	E	-	-
2	Policy brief on ageing	ECE/WG.1/2020/2	Electronic	A4	30	E	-	-
3	Proceedings of the Ministerial Conference on Ageing	ECE/WG.1/2020/2	Electronic		100	E	-	-
4	MIPAA+20 report	ECE/WG.1/2020/2	Electronic and printed		60	E	-	100

#### B. Information/promotional materials

<i>Item no.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Print and/or electronic</i>	<i>Trim size</i>	<i>No. of pages</i>	<i>Original language(s)</i>	<i>Translated language(s)<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>No. of copies and language(s)</i>
1	Booklet of the Standing Working Group on Ageing	ECE/WG.1/2020/2	Electronic	A4	8	E	-	-

<sup>2</sup> Due to resource constraints, translation of promotional materials should be covered mainly from XB resources

## Annex II

### Legislative mandates

The list below provides all mandates entrusted to the subprogramme

#### 1. General Assembly resolutions

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
<a href="#">65/234</a>	Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014
<a href="#">70/107</a>	International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development
<a href="#">71/235</a>	Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
<a href="#">71/256</a>	New Urban Agenda
<a href="#">72/144</a>	Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing
<a href="#">72/226</a>	Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
<a href="#">75/131</a>	United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021–2030)
<a href="#">75/152</a>	Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing

#### 2. Economic and Social Council resolutions

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
<a href="#">2016/25</a>	Future organization and methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development
<a href="#">2018/6</a>	Third review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002
<a href="#">2020/7</a>	Affordable housing and social protection systems for all to address homelessness
<a href="#">2020/8</a>	Modalities for the fourth review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002
<a href="#">2020/19</a>	Change of name and revised terms of reference of the Working Group on Ageing of the Economic Commission for Europe

### 3. Economic and Social Council decision

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
<a href="#">2014/239</a>	Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-seventh session and provisional agenda for its forty-eighth session (Commission on Population and Development resolution 2014/1, Assessment of the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development)

### 4. Economic Commission for Europe decisions

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
<a href="#">ECE/AC.23/2002/2/Rev.6</a>	Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002
<a href="#">ECE/AC.30/2007/2</a>	Report of the UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing: “A Society for All Ages: Challenges and Opportunities”
<a href="#">ECE/AC.30/2012/3</a>	2012 Vienna Ministerial declaration: “Ensuring a society for all ages: Promoting quality of life and active ageing”
<a href="#">ECE/HBP/173</a>	Report of the Committee on Housing and Land Management on its seventy-fourth session, which adopted the Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the ECE region for the period 2014–2020 ( <a href="#">ECE/HBP/2013/3</a> )
<a href="#">B (66)</a>	Endorsement of the Geneva Charter on Sustainable Housing
<a href="#">ECE/HBP/190</a>	Report of the Committee on Housing and Land Management on its seventy-eighth session (Geneva Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development)
<a href="#">ECE/AC.30/2017/2/Rev.1</a>	Revised report of the Ministerial Conference on Ageing: “A Sustainable Society for All Ages: Realizing the Potential of Living Longer” (2017 Lisbon ministerial declaration)