

UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing**15-17 June 2022, Roma, Italy****Side event sponsored by Germany, BAGSO and AGE Platform Europe*****MIPAA policies and human rights mechanisms*****Date and time**

Friday, 17 June 2022, 13:30 – 14:45

Background

The adoption of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) was an important milestone for ageing policy worldwide. Soon after, however, it was recognised that a non-binding instrument does not sufficiently protect the human rights of older persons. Within this context, the General Assembly decided in Resolution 65/182 in December 2010 to establish an open-ended working group “for the purpose of strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons (...)”. In parallel to the work of the Open-Ended Working Group, which met for the twelfth session in April 2022, other international processes also address the wellbeing and human rights of older persons.

Goals

How can these processes better build on each other? Which achievements can be celebrated so far? What are the biggest challenges at international level to advance the human rights in older age? How can older persons' participation be given more value and how can the understanding of the need to protect human rights of older persons be increased? These and other questions will be addressed in a panel discussion with high-ranking participants.

Programme and speakers**Moderator:**

- Ms. Ina Voelcker, BAGSO

Participants:

- Ms. Lisa Warth, Population Affairs Officer, Population Unit, UNECE (**Introduction**)
- Ms. Amal Abou Rafeh, Secretary of the United Nations Open-ended Working Group on Ageing (**Introduction**)
- Ms. Lisa Paus, Minister of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth of Germany
- Mr. Marcel Spatari, Minister of Labor and Social Protection of the Republic of Moldova
- Ms. Laura Baldassarre, Secretary General of the Italian Ministerial Committee for Human Rights at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs
- Mr. Maciej Kucharczyk, Secretary General, AGE Platform Europe
- Mr. Kiran Rabheru, Chair of the Steering Group of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People (GAROP)