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**Programme of work for 2024 and outline  
of key components of the programme of work for 2025****Draft programme of work of the population component of  
the housing, land management and population  
subprogramme for 2024****Note by the secretariat****I. Introduction**

1. The present document sets out the draft programme of work of the population component of the housing, land management and population subprogramme (“the subprogramme”) for 2024. The Standing Working Group on Ageing (“SWGGA”) is invited to adopt it and recommend to the Executive Committee for approval. Any subsequent additional, carried over or terminated deliverables will be reflected in United Nations 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 that establishes logical relationship between the hierarchical results (deliverables – results – objectives – impact) known as ‘results chain’, the resources (human and financial) known as ‘inputs’ and the external factors (strategic, governance, operational, financial) that 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 Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) proposed programme budget for 2024 (A/78/6 (Sect. 20)). 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 areas where multiple SDGs converge.<sup>1</sup> This type of collaboration enables the subprogramme to maximize existing synergies, increase the efficiency of its work and have a multiplying effect on the impact of its actions to support countries to implement the SDGs. The deliverables of the subprogramme fall into the following main categories: (a) facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert

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<sup>1</sup> The ECE cross-sectoral collaboration areas are as follows: (a) Digital and green transformations for sustainable development in the ECE region; (b) Circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources; (c) Sustainable and smart cities for all ages; (d) Sustainable mobility and smart connectivity; and (e) Measuring and monitoring progress towards achieving SDGs.



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 overall ECE legislative mandates and those specific for the subprogramme are listed in Annex II.

## II. Objective

5. The objective, to which the population component of the subprogramme contributes, is to advance evidence-based population and social cohesion policies.

## III. Strategy

6. The responsibility for the population component of the 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 objective, the population component of the subprogramme will:

(a) Support national and regional review and follow-up activities to assess progress in implementing the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy by providing a platform for intergovernmental policy debate on matters related to mainstreaming ageing, and facilitate communication with a wider network of experts and non-governmental organizations;

(b) Coordinate data collection on active ageing indicators, including intergenerational and sex-disaggregated data, as well as policy-oriented research on ageing and intergenerational and gender relations, to support evidence-based policymaking and the monitoring of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy;

(c) Support the development of national capacities for policy formulation through policy seminars, policy briefs and the showcasing of good practices from member States;

(d) Assess lessons learned and strengthen the capacity of member States in terms of preparedness and emergency response to mitigate the risks for older persons, in particular older persons in vulnerable situations.

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

(a) Demonstrated progress by member States in mainstreaming ageing across all policy fields and governance levels;

(b) Enhanced capacities of member States with regard to designing and implementing integrated policies for active and healthy ageing;

(c) Policy approaches adopted by member States that advance the rights and dignity of older persons and their contribution to a sustainable and inclusive society for all ages;

(d) The design and implementation by member States of national and regional emergency responses, including to the COVID-19 pandemic, that include more prominent considerations for older persons.

## IV. Planned result for 2024

**Result: 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**

### Programme performance in 2022 and target for 2024

10. The subprogramme's work contributed to reaching a consensus on the goals and actions for healthy and active ageing in a sustainable world, which met the planned target.

11. Progress towards the objective and the target for 2024 are presented in the performance measure below (see table 1).

Table 1

#### Performance measure

2020 (actual)	2021 (actual)	2022 (actual)	2023 (planned)	2024 (planned)
The Bureau issued the guidelines for national reports and launched the fourth review and appraisal exercise in the region	Member States held national review and appraisal exercises and submitted their national reports to the ECE secretariat	Member States adopted the 2022 Rome ministerial declaration as the outcome document of the ECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing. It outlines the goals and main actions for healthy and active ageing in 2022–2027 that safeguard the dignity and rights of older persons	The programme of work of the Standing Working Group on Ageing for 2023–2027, based on the priorities outlined in a declaration of the 2022 Ministerial Conference and the outcome of the global review of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing in 2023, is developed and adopted by member States	New policies and programmes responding to the goals of the Rome Declaration implemented and reported by 2 ECE member States
A concept note for the 2022 Ministerial Conference on Ageing was discussed at the annual meeting of the Working Group	The Bureau prepared a first draft of the ministerial declaration for consultation with the member States			

## V. External factors

12. The Population component of the subprogramme is expected to achieve its objective on the assumption that:

(a) Member States continue to guide ECE intergovernmental processes, support the work of ECE and give high priority to regional and subregional cooperation and integration, with a view to achieving sustainable development;

(b) All relevant stakeholders at the national level have the political will to cooperate in implementing ECE legal instruments, norms and standards;

(c) Voluntary resources continue to be available.

## VI. Deliverables to be implemented in 2024

13. Table 2 below lists all deliverables of the population component of the subprogramme.

Table 2

#### Deliverables of the population component of the subprogramme

Category and subcategory	2024 (planned)
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies</b>	
Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)	5

<i>Category and subcategory</i>	<i>2024 (planned)</i>
1. Documentation for the Standing Working Group on Ageing	5
<b>Substantive services for meetings</b> (number of three-hour meetings)	<b>9</b>
2. Meetings of the Standing Working Group on Ageing and its Bureau	9
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge</b>	
<b>Field and technical cooperation projects</b> (number of projects)	<b>1</b>
3. Road map for mainstreaming ageing project for a specific country	1
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events</b> (number of days)	<b>2</b>
4. Workshops and policy seminars on population ageing issues for policymakers, experts, practitioners and other stakeholders in countries of the ECE region	2
<b>Publications</b> (number of publications)	<b>2</b>
5. On population	2
<b>Technical materials</b> (number of materials)	<b>1</b>
6. Toolkit and training course material on mainstreaming ageing	1
<b>Fact-finding, monitoring and investigation missions</b> (number of missions)	<b>1</b>
7. Fact-finding missions for government officials and other stakeholders to develop national capacities in designing and implementing ageing-related policies and programmes	1
<b>C. Substantive deliverables</b>	
<b>Consultation, advice and advocacy:</b> Generations and Gender Programme advocacy for national survey coordinators; advisory services 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> active ageing indicators data set for global access and a database on ageing-related policies.	
<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.	
<b>Digital platforms and multimedia content:</b> websites related to population activities for global and regional access; Active Ageing Index wiki.	

## Annex I

### Details of proposed publications and information materials for 2024

#### 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	The specific mandate for this publication will be provided by SWGA at its sixteenth meeting	Electronic	A4	30	E	–	–
2	Roadmap for Mainstreaming Ageing	The specific mandate for this publication will be provided by SWGA at its sixteenth meeting	Electronic	A4	100	E	–	–

#### 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)</i>	<i>No. of copies and language(s)</i>
1	Booklet of the Standing Working Group on Ageing and ageing-related side events for various stakeholders	The specific mandate for this publication will be provided by SWGA at its sixteenth meeting	Electronic	A4	8	E	–	–

## Annex II

### Legislative mandates

#### A. Overall ECE legislative mandates

##### 1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

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<a href="#">66/288</a>	The future we want
<a href="#">67/10</a>	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community
<a href="#">67/290</a>	Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development
<a href="#">69/277</a>	Political declaration on strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations
<a href="#">69/283</a>	Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030
<a href="#">69/313</a>	Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda)
<a href="#">70/1</a>	Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
<a href="#">71/16</a>	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization
<a href="#">71/256</a>	New Urban Agenda
<a href="#">72/279</a>	Repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
<a href="#">73/10</a>	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative
<a href="#">73/195</a>	Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration
<a href="#">74/122</a>	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
<a href="#">74/128</a>	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
<a href="#">74/144</a>	Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto: accessibility
<a href="#">74/216</a>	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
<a href="#">74/231</a> , <a href="#">76/215</a>	Development cooperation with middle-income countries
<a href="#">74/235</a>	Women in development

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<a href="#">74/271</a>	Progress towards an accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat
<a href="#">74/297</a>	Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
<a href="#">75/8, 77/15</a>	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM
<a href="#">75/9, 77/16</a>	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Commonwealth of Independent States
<a href="#">75/12</a>	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization
<a href="#">75/216, 76/204</a>	Disaster risk reduction
<a href="#">75/221</a>	Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
<a href="#">75/233</a>	Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
<a href="#">75/290 B</a>	Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/305 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council. Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 67/290 on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and 70/299 on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level
<a href="#">75/324</a>	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization
<a href="#">77/185</a>	South-South cooperation

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## 2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

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<a href="#">1998/46</a>	Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields
<a href="#">2006/38</a>	Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission
<a href="#">2013/1</a>	Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of the Economic Commission for Europe
<a href="#">2022/18</a>	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

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## 3. Decisions of the Economic Commission for Europe

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<a href="#">A (64)</a>	The work of the Economic Commission for Europe
<a href="#">A (65)</a>	Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE
<a href="#">A (66)</a>	Endorsement of the High-level statement on the post-2015 development agenda and expected sustainable development goals in the ECE region
<a href="#">A (69)</a>	High-level statement

<a href="#">B (69)</a>	Circular economy and the sustainable use of natural resources
<a href="#">C (69)</a>	Extension of the mandate of the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

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## **B. Legislative mandates specific to the subprogramme**

### **1. General Assembly resolutions**

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<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="#">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="#">76/138</a>	Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing

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### **2. Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions**

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<a href="#">Decision 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)
<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

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### **3. Human Rights Council resolution**

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<a href="#">48/3</a>	Human rights of older persons
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#### 4. Economic Commission for Europe decisions

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<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> )
B (66)	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/HBP/208</a>	Report of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management on its eighty-second session (Place and Life in the ECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030: Tackling challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, climate and housing emergencies in region, city, neighbourhood and homes)
<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)
<a href="#">ECE/AC.30/2022/2</a>	Report of the Ministerial Conference on Ageing “A Sustainable World for All Ages: Joining Forces for Solidarity and Equal Opportunities Throughout Life”

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