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Sixteenth meeting of the Standing Working Group on Ageing

Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room VII

20-22 November 2023

## PROGRAMME

Monday 20 November	
<b>10:00 - 10:15</b>	<b>Item 1: Opening of meeting and adoption of the agenda</b>
	Opening of the meeting <i>Tatiana Molcean, Executive Secretary, UNECE</i>
	Adoption of agenda <i>UNECE Secretariat</i>
	Housekeeping announcements <i>UNECE Secretariat</i>
<b>10:15 - 10:25</b>	<b>Item 2: Election of officers</b>
	<i>The SWGA will be requested to confirm the selection of Mr. Nuno Silva Marques as Portugal's representative on the Bureau following the retirement of Mr. Edmundo Martinho in 2023</i>
<b>10:25 - 10:40</b>	<b>Item 3: Work of the Bureau</b>
	Activities of the Bureau in 2023 <i>Chair and Bureau members</i>
<b>10:40 - 11:45</b>	<b>Item 4: International events and initiatives on ageing and follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</b>
	United Nations Open-ended Working Group on Ageing (UN-OEWGA) <i>Heidrun Mollenkopf, AGE Platform Europe</i> <i>SWGA members who participated in the meeting</i>
	Update on activities of the Independent Expert and the UN Human Rights Office <i>Pradeep Wagle, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights</i>
	The voice of older people at the United Nations conference series <i>Ina Voelcker, German National Association of Senior Citizens' Organisations (BAGSO)</i>
	International Conference on the Human Rights of Older Persons 2023 <i>Verena Schriebl, Austria</i>
	International Workshop on the Welfare of Older People <i>Elmas Esra CECELİ, Türkiye</i>
	ICPD30 regional review and conference <i>UNECE Secretariat</i>
	Regional and High-level Political Forums for Sustainable Development <i>Michael Kunz, UNECE</i>
	Updates from the UNECE Secretariat <i>UNECE Secretariat</i>

<b>11:45 - 12:00</b>	<b>Morning break</b>
<b>12:00 - 13:00</b>	<b>Item 4 (cont.): International events and initiatives on ageing and follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</b>
	WHO: Decade on Healthy Ageing and Age-friendly Cities <i>Alana Officer &amp; Thiago da Silva, WHO</i>
	Regional summit on policy innovation for healthy ageing in the WHO European region <i>Nuno Marques, Portugal</i>
	Insights and perspectives from AARP's 2023 Global Thought Leadership Conference: The Power of Global Aging in an Interdependent World <i>Vijeth Iyengar, AARP</i>
	United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) Mainstreaming Ageing Series <i>Analucia Jácome, UNITAR</i>
	Demography: latest updates <i>Marco La Marca, European Commission</i>
	Ageing-related initiatives under Spanish Presidency of the Council of the European Union <i>Manuel Montero Rey, Spain</i>
<b>13:00 - 15:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>15:00 - 16:30</b>	<b>Item 5: Implementing the goals of the 2022 Rome Ministerial Declaration</b>
Goal I	Italy policy developments responding to the goals of the 2022 Rome Ministerial Declaration <i>Pietro Checcucci, Italy</i>
Goal I	Combating violence against older people <i>Verena Schriebl, Austria</i>
Goal I	Menopause in the workplace <i>James Bishop, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</i>
Goal I	"Live safely at home" – a comprehensive reform developed in cooperation <i>Aina Strand, Norway</i>
	<b>Discussion and Q&amp;A</b>
Goal II	Commission on care for older persons <i>Abigail Chantler, Ireland</i>
Goal II	Spain participation in InCARE Project <i>Manuel Montero Rey, Spain</i>
Goal II	Safe Long-term Care Act <i>Manon Therriault, Canada</i>
Goal II	Act on long-term care adopted in Slovenia <i>Aleš Kenda, Slovenia</i>
Goal II	National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers <i>Matthew Lim, United States of America</i>
	<b>Discussion and Q&amp;A</b>
<b>16:30 - 16:45</b>	<b>Afternoon break</b>

<b>16:45 - 17:25</b>	<b>Item 5 (cont.): Implementing the goals of the 2022 Rome Ministerial Declaration</b>
Goal III	Strategy for active and healthy ageing in the Republic of Serbia <i>Dragomir Knezevic, Serbia</i>
Goal III	Goal III: Mainstreaming ageing to advance a society for all ages <i>Elmas Esra CECELİ, Türkiye</i>
Goal III	Program on Active and Health Ageing for the years 2023–2027 <i>Aliona Cretu, Republic of Moldova</i>
	<b>Discussion and Q&amp;A</b>
<b>17:25 - 17:55</b>	<b>Item 6: Programme of Work of the Standing Working Group on Ageing 2023–2027</b>
	Programme of Work of SWGA 2023–2027 <i>Extended Bureau &amp; UNECE Secretariat</i>
<b>17:55 - 18:00</b>	<b>Wrap up and closing of the first day</b>
	Review of decisions taken <i>Chair &amp; UNECE Secretariat</i>
<b>18:00 - 19:00</b>	<b>Evening reception</b>

**Tuesday 21 November**

<b>10:00 - 10:05</b>	<b>Opening</b>
	<b>Item 7: Implementation of the programme of work of the Standing Working Group on Ageing in 2023 and plans for 2024</b>
<b>10:05 - 10:20</b>	<b>7(a): Raising awareness on ageing and its implications for sustainable development in the UNECE region and creating synergies with related policy agendas</b>
	Brief updates from UNECE Secretariat and members of SWGA
<b>10:20 - 11:00</b>	<b>7(b): International cooperation, exchange of experience and policy discussion</b>
	Policy Briefs In-depth policy discussion Online policy discussions Peer learning
<b>11:00 - 11:20</b>	<b>7(c): Guidelines and policy recommendations, advisory services, and capacity-building</b>
	Road maps for mainstreaming ageing
	Three new tools for raising awareness on mainstreaming ageing: Online Course, Training and Expert Workshops
<b>11:20 - 12:00</b>	<b>7(d): Monitoring the implementation of the MIPAA and its RIS and strengthening the evidence base for policymaking</b>
	Ageing Policies Database <i>UNECE Secretariat</i>
	Task Force on Long-term care Statistics <i>Giampaolo Lanzieri, Eurostat</i>
	Generations and Gender Programme <i>Olga Grunwald, Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute</i>
	Ageing-related statistics <i>UNECE Secretariat</i>
<b>12:00 - 13:00</b>	<b>7(d): Group discussions on quantitative monitoring of MIPAA</b>
<b>13:00 - 15:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>15:00 - 15:45</b>	<b>7(d): Reporting back from discussion groups</b>
<b>15:45 - 16:15</b>	<b>Item 8: Evaluation of the Ageing-Phase III project</b>
	<i>UNECE Secretariat</i>
<b>16:15 - 16:30</b>	<b>Afternoon break</b>
<b>16:30 - 17:15</b>	<b>Item 9: Updating MIPAA/RIS</b>
	Modalities for updating RIS <i>Task force and SWGA members</i>
<b>17:15 - 17:30</b>	<b>Item 10: Programme of work for 2024 and outline of key components of the programme of work for 2025</b>



	<i>Chair and UNECE Secretariat</i>
<b>17:30 - 17:45</b>	<b>Item 11: Financing of the programme of work</b>
	<i>Chair and UNECE Secretariat</i>
<b>17:45 - 18:00</b>	<b>Item 12: Other business and summary of decisions</b>
	<i>Chair and UNECE Secretariat</i>
<b>18:00 - 18:00</b>	<b>Closing of the second day of the meeting</b>
<b>19:00</b>	<b>Group dinner (please sign up <a href="#">here</a>)</b>

**Wednesday 22 November**

<b>9:00 - 9:50</b>	<b>Meeting with the task force on updating RIS</b>
	<i>All participants are invited to meet the task force for an informal exchange on national engagement of stakeholders</i>
<b>10:00 - 10:10</b>	<b>Opening of the third day of the meeting</b>
	<i>Chair</i>
<b>10:10 - 11:30</b>	<b>Item 13: In-depth policy discussion</b>
	Current and future trends in inequalities among older persons in the region – an overview <i>Philipp Hessel, UNECE</i>
	The Mid-life MOT project <i>James Bishop, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</i>
	Action Plan for Implementation of Strategic Framework for Preparing for an Ageing Society 2023–2026 <i>Kateřina Linkova, Czech Republic</i>
	Achieving equitable healthy aging in low- and middle-income countries <i>Vijeth Iyengar, AARP</i>
	Overcoming old-age inequalities through decent work for all <i>Dorothea Schmidt-Klau, ILO</i>
	<b>Discussion and Q&amp;A</b> <i>Participants are invited to contribute country experiences during the discussion</i>
<b>11:30 - 11:45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:45 - 12:55</b>	<b>Item 13 (cont.): In-depth policy discussion</b>
	The parental pension <i>Miroslava Klemrová, Slovakia</i>
	The Walloon Social Cohesion Plan <i>Sandrine Boyals &amp; Kévin van Houter, Belgium</i>
	National Action Plan on Active and Healthy 2023–2026 <i>Nuno Marques, Portugal</i>
	Support to people age 70+ living in the zone of hostilities in Ukraine <i>Galina Poliakova, Ukrainian Charity “Turbotra pro Litnih v Ukraini”</i>
	Long-term care of older persons and older persons with disabilities in the Western Balkans <i>Nataša Todorović &amp; Milutin Vračević, Red Cross of Serbia</i>
	<b>Discussion and Q&amp;A</b> <i>Participants are invited to contribute country experiences during the discussion</i>
<b>12:55 - 13:00</b>	<b>Item 14: Conclusions and closing of the meeting</b>
<b>13:00 - 13:30</b>	<b>Light lunch courtesy of WHO (outside meeting room)</b>
<b>13:30 - 14:30</b>	<b>UN Decade of Healthy Ageing Progress Report 2023 Launch Event</b>