MIPAA: What is it all about?

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OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION:

Why is Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA)?

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Political Declaration and Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing
Why is MIPAA?

• EVERY MONTH
  1,000,000 PEOPLE
  BECOME 60 YRS
  OLD IN THE WORLD

• 80 PERCENT OF
  THEM LIVE IN DEVELOPING
  COUNTRIES

WORLD POPULATION AGED 60 YRS AND OVER IN MILLIONS
Regional Distribution of Population 60+ Years Old
Why is MIPAA?

Challenges and Opportunities of Ageing:

1. Economic Considerations
2. Social Aspects
3. Cultural Dimensions
4. …
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Challenges and Opportunities of Ageing:

1. Economic Considerations:

- Older persons should be included in national development frameworks, poverty eradication strategies, and emergency relief operations.
- Programmes and policies addressing the needs of older persons, such as social security, pension plans and health care.
- Participation of older persons in economic life need to be sustained and expanded, including training and access to credit.
- Traditional informal support systems have to be preserved and supported

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Challenges and Opportunities of Ageing:

2. Social Aspects:

- Measures are needed to promote active participation and the full integration of older persons at all levels of society.
- Ageing in urban and rural settings. The traditional family ties and support are under stress.
- Neglect, abuse and violence against older persons.
- Local and national programmes need to involve indigenous practices of health and caregiving, while at the same time reconciling with economic priorities and other individual responsibilities.
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Challenges and Opportunities of Ageing:

3. Cultural Dimensions:

- The settings in which individuals age play an important part in their lifelong development and wellbeing. Policies that reflect cultural heritage should be nurtured and reinforced.

- The developmental potential and diversity of late life need to be reflected in realistic images and cultural roles for older persons, especially for older women.

- The nature and extent of older persons’ participation, income security and health depends largely on the opportunities and experiences of their earlier years.
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COMMITMENTS OF GOVERNMENTS:

- Eliminate age discrimination…
- Incorporate ageing within social and economic strategies…
- Protect older persons in armed conflict and foreign occupation…
- Provide older persons with universal and equal access to health care and services…

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**What is MIPAA?**

**GOAL:**
Reaching a society for all ages

**CONTENT:**
Adjustment to an ageing world

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Priority Directions for Policy Action:

I. Older Persons and Development

II. Advancing Health and Wellbeing into Old Age

III. Ensuring Enabling and Supportive Environments

Implementation & Follow-up
Crucial elements of national implementation:

- institutional follow-up;
- effective organizations of older persons;
- educational, training and research activities on ageing;
- national data collection and analysis;
- independent and impartial monitoring of progress in implementation;
- mobilization of resources
Priorities for international cooperation:

✓ Promotion of training and capacity-building on ageing in developing countries;
✓ Exchange of experiences and best practices, researchers and research findings and data collection to support policy and programme;
✓ Establishment of income generating projects; and
✓ Information dissemination
1. Assessing the needs and setting the targets
- Demography
- Economics
- Social situation of older persons
- Available policy and programmes: gaps
- Formulation of priorities, goals and targets

2. Building/Strengthening national capacity on ageing
- Human resources
- Mobilization of financial resources
- Institutional framework
- Research, data collection and analysis
- Policy process, including the use of mainstreaming

3. Monitoring, Review & Appraisal

4. Adjustment of policy and programmes
2. Building/ Strengthening national capacity on ageing

✓ Institutional framework (= collaboration between major stakeholders)
✓ Human resources (= training)
✓ Mobilization of financial resources
✓ Research, data collection and analysis
✓ Policy process, including the use of mainstreaming
Key Modalities of National Review & Appraisal of MIPAA:

1. Review and appraisal will be undertaken every five years;

2. Each review and appraisal cycle will focus on the theme based on the priority directions of MIPAA;

3. Review and appraisal will include two dimensions: ageing-specific policies and ageing-mainstreaming efforts; and

4. Bottom-up and flexible approach will be the major format of the review and appraisal exercise.
The first global cycle of the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action

- **Started** in 2007 at the forty-fifth session of the Commission for Social Development and will be concluded in 2008 at its forty-sixth session.

- **Global theme**: “Addressing the challenges and opportunities of ageing”.
- **Major actions**: local, national and regional levels

- In 2008, the Commission for Social Development will analyze preliminary conclusions of the first review and appraisal exercise along with the identification of prevalent and emerging issues and related policy options.