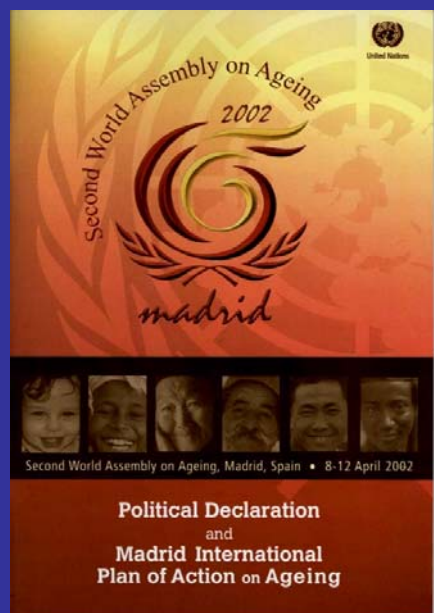




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Review & Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing: Modalities, Content and Process



COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Elaboration of Modalities, Chronology and Content for review and appraisal of MIPAA

2003: (41th session): develops bottom-up participatory approach to R&A

2004: (42nd session) decides on general modalities of R&A

2006: (44th session): elaborates modalities for the first cycle of R&A: calendar, content and theme

2007: (45th session): launches the first cycle of R&A. Details the content and procedure of the first cycle



1. Principal Modalities of Review & Appraisal:

- Review and appraisal will be undertaken every five years;
- Each review and appraisal cycle will focus on a theme based on the priority directions of the Madrid Plan of Action;
- A specific theme emanating from the Madrid Plan of Action will be identified by the UN Secretary-General for the first cycle;
- Review and appraisal will include two dimensions: ageing-specific policies and ageing-mainstreaming efforts; and
- The bottom-up participatory 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 – detailed modalities:

- **The Commission endorsed the Calendar for R & A**
- **Started in 2007 at the forty-fifth session of the Commission for Social Development and it will conclude in 2008 at the forty-sixth session of the Commission.**
- **Global theme: “Addressing the challenges and opportunities of ageing”.**
- **Format of the concluding event (in 2008): plenary debate + a series of panel discussions and events related to the theme of the first review and appraisal cycle.**

Bottom-up participatory approach:

- **broadens the sources of information available to policy makers by complementing numerical data with qualitative information;**
- **provides governments with policy relevant information when other information does not exist, for instance when statistics or other data are not available;**
- **establishes priorities for policies and programmes that reflect peoples' interests;**
- **provides an opportunity for people, particularly those who are excluded or marginalized, to articulate their conditions, needs and aspirations.**

“...the regional commissions and their intergovernmental bodies can promote networking and provide a collective voice to member countries, national committees and other stakeholders. Ideally, the commissions should assist countries throughout the process of information-gathering and exchange, including distillation and analysis, towards formulation of findings and priorities for future policy action at the regional level.”

Note by the Secretariat on the Modalities for review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing. E/CN.5/2004/6

REGIONAL COMMISSIONS IN R&A

In its resolution 44/1, the Commission for Social Development

- requested the regional commissions to identify appropriate modalities for conducting the regional review and appraisal,
- encouraged the convening of regional review and appraisal activities, and
- invited interested Governments to offer support and assistance [for] national action in the context of the regional implementation and the convening of regional review and appraisal activities and events.

→ It is also expected that the regional commissions, in accordance with the request by the Commission for Social Development (resolution 45/1), will forward their findings of the first review and appraisal, along with identified priorities for future action regarding the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action, to the Commission for Social Development at its forty-sixth session in 2008.

REGIONAL CONFERENCES ON AGEING IN 2007:

ECE: León, Spain, 6-8 November 2007

ECLAC: Brasilia, Brazil, 4-6 December 2007

ESCAP: Macau, China, 9-11 October 2007

In 2007:

(a) The Commission for Social Development:

- Marked the fifth anniversary of the Second World Assembly on Ageing.
- The Secretary-General submitted to the Commission a report on major developments in the area of ageing since the Second World Assembly, which included contributions by the regional commissions.
- Member States informed the Commission about the actions they have taken since the Second World Assembly to implement the Madrid Plan of Action. Canada, Japan, Mexico, Monaco and New Zealand presented their national reports describing national implementation measures taken since 2002.

In 2007:

(b) Member States:

→ National and regional processes of review and appraisal [will] begin.

→ Countries review and appraise the national policies and strategies that they identified.

→ Information on the initial experience and good practices in organizing and conducting bottom-up participatory evaluation at the local and national levels will also be collected, analyzed and presented to the regional commissions

In 2007:

(c) Regional commissions:

→ **Assisting countries, upon their request, in conducting their national review and appraisals and encourage participatory approaches to the process;**

→ **Convening regional conferences to consider the findings of national reviews, share experiences and good practices and identify priorities for future action.**

→ **Will submit the conclusions of the meetings and individual national reports to the Commission for Social Development in 2008.**

In 2008:

The Commission for Social Development:

→ At its forty-sixth session in February 2008, will conduct the global segment of the first cycle of the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action.

→ The modalities of this segment could include a series of plenary meetings or deliberations of a series of round tables. A series of parallel events, including panels, workshops and seminars organized by all major stakeholders will be conducted, including the presentation of findings of independent monitoring projects.

→ An outcome document could include the conclusions of the first review and appraisal exercise along with the identification of prevalent and emerging issues and related policy options.

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