

ADDRESSING DATA GAPS FOR ACTIVE AGEING INDICATORS

WORKSHOP

**18 November 2015
Geneva, Palais des Nations, Salle XI**

CONCEPT NOTE AND PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

BACKGROUND

In June 2015 UNECE sent out the to the National Focal Points (NFP) on ageing the guidelines for preparation of national reports for the third review and appraisal cycle of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy (MIPAA/RIS), thus marking the start of the third review process. National reports will include a statistical annex for which the UNECE member States are asked to provide statistical data, using or based on a list of suggested indicators. The list is based on the indicators of the Active Ageing Index.¹

In the European Union and the European Economic Area countries, a number of harmonised social surveys provide a good basis for deriving suggested indicators.² Other UNECE countries may not conduct similar social surveys and might have difficulties in identifying data necessary to compute suggested indicators.

In this regard, UNECE Population Unit is organising a one-day capacity-building workshop the day before the Eighth meeting of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing in order to provide, with the help of experts, consultations on identifying data for calculation of the mentioned indicators, and discuss the possible solutions for missing data.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The workshop will focus on the issues faced by non-EU ECE countries. Two representatives per country — a national focal point on ageing and an expert from a national statistical office — will be invited to take part in the workshop. Although the target participants are from the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, and the Western Balkans, the workshop will be open for participation to all WGA members.

GOALS

The workshop aims at providing guidance and recommendations to the participants on how to address the issue of missing data and what are the best ways to select proxies.

¹ For detailed information on the Active Ageing Index please visit the wiki page <http://www1.unece.org/stat/platform/display/AAI/Active+Ageing+Index+Home>

² For example [EU Labour Force Survey](#) (EU LFS); [European Quality of Life Surveys](#) (EQLS); [EU Statistics on Income and Living Conditions](#) (EU-SILC); [European Social Survey](#) (ESS).

Invited experts — researchers and statisticians — will share their experience in dealing with lack of data and identifying adequate substitutes while calculating the suggested indicators either in non-EU countries or at a subnational level.

Bringing together the statisticians and NFPs is expected to produce an indirect positive effect of furthering national inter-agency cooperation and thus facilitating reporting.

PROCEDURE

The workshop will be organised back-to-back with the Eighth Meeting of WGA. The English-Russian, Russian-English interpretation will be provided.

The list of indicators will be sent in advance to the participants so that they could identify and inform the secretariat before the workshop for which indicators the data are missing, and what proxies could potentially be used. This will allow for more focused discussions and consultations.

A group exercise session can be organised with the involvement of experts in order to facilitate direct experience exchange among the participants.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

09:30–10:00 Opening and welcoming addresses

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10:00–10:30 Overview of the countries' feedback on the list of indicators

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10:30–12:30 Interventions by experts on the identified problematic indicators with Q&A after each intervention

14:30–16:00 Work in groups

16:20–17:00 Each group's report on the outcomes of the group discussion

17:00–17:30 Concluding remarks and closing

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11:00–11:20 Coffee-break

12:30–14:30 Lunch

16:00–16:20 Coffee-break