



UNECE NGO FORUM ON AGEING

20 September 2017
Lisbon, Portugal

Time: 9.00-18.00

Venue: Lisbon Conference Centre (Centro de Congressos de Lisboa)

Participants: 160-200 representatives of NGOs from the member states of the UNECE region and of international NGOs (in consultative status with ECOSOC) dealing with ageing issues

Objectives:

- To foster a dialogue in and among civil society organisations representing older people and dealing with ageing issues around the three themes of the UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing 2017 from different angles of interest and concern of civil society actors.
- To identify and comment strong and weak aspects in the MIPAA's implementation and Ministerial Declaration and formulate demands and recommendations on behalf of civil society organisations gathered in the NGO Forum.
- To emphasise the need and value of a close triangular cooperation between civil society, research and public authorities in ageing policies, strategies and their implementation.
- To finalise and adopt the NGO Forum Political Declaration to be communicated during the UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing 2017

Programme

7.45-9.00 Accreditation

9.00-9.45 Joint opening Session NGO Forum and Research Forum

Edmundo Martinho - Vice President of Santa Casa da Misericórdia de Lisboa

Francisco Madelino – President of INATEL

Lidia Bratanova - Director of the UNECE Statistical Division

George W. Leeson - Institute of Population Ageing, University of Oxford, UK

Miguel Cabrita - Secretary of State of Employment

Part 1

10.00 **Introduction of the programme of the day**

Dirk Jarré, Chair of the NGO Preparatory Committee

General exchange of opinions on the three main themes of the UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing 2017

- **Recognizing the potential of older people**
- **Encouraging longer working life and ability to work**
- **Ensuring ageing with dignity**

11.30 **Break - coffee & tea**

Part 2

11.50 **Panel discussion on two central questions:**

- What is the value of such Ministerial Conferences on Ageing and how do they contribute to the improvement of the living situation of older persons?
- Are new approaches and forms of policymaking and implementation strategies needed to better promote a society for all ages and a life-course perspective of ageing?

Participants: Representatives of the UN NGO Committees on Ageing: New York, Geneva and Vienna, and AGE Platform Europe

12.20 General discussion on the two questions and reactions to the statements of the panel

Moderator: Edmundo Martinho, Vice-President of 'Santa Casa de Misericórdia de Lisboa'

13.15 Lunch break

Part 3

14.45 **International strategies aiming at the improvement of the Human Rights and the situation of older persons**

UN open-ended working group on Ageing (OEWGA) and Agenda 2030

Silvia Perel-Levin, Chair of the UN NGO Committee on Ageing, Geneva

Susan Somers, Representing Chair UN NGO Committee on Ageing, NY

Erica Dhar and Frances Zainoeddin, Stakeholder Group on Ageing

Moderator: Anne-Sophie Parent, Secretary General of AGE Platform Europe

15.30 Three working groups (one with interpretation facilities):

Parallel discussion of the issues raised during the morning - proposals of innovative approaches and processes

16.30 Break: coffee & tea

Part 4

17.00 **Reporting from the working groups**
Identification of changes or specific elements to be included into the NGO Political Declaration

Moderator: Gertraud Dayé, Chair of the NGO Committee on Ageing Vienna

17.50 Wrap-up and Closing of the NGO Forum