



UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing 2017

Lisbon, from the 20th to 22nd of September

Provisional programme

Wednesday, 20 September 2017

7:45 – 19:00 Accreditation

9:00 – 18:00 Civil Society Forum and Research Forum (parallel events/joint opening)

Thursday, 21 September 2017

7:45 – 19:00 Accreditation

8:20 – 9:00 **Side event** : Breakfast talk on Global Campaign to Combat Ageism, WHO/UNECE

Plenary session

9:00 – 9:20

Opening

Mr. José António Vieira da Silva, Minister of Labour, Solidarity, and Social Security of Portugal

Mr. Adalberto Campos Fernandes, Minister of Health of Portugal

Mrs. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary of the UNECE

9:20 – 9:30

Adoption of the agenda and election of the Chair and Vice-Chair(s)

9:30 – 9:40

Assessing the human rights implications of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA)

Mrs. Rosa Kornfeld-Matte, The Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons (video message)

9:40 – 10:00

Launch of the UNECE Synthesis Report on the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing in the UNECE region (2012-2017)

Mrs. Vitalija Gaucaite Wittich, Chief of Population Unit, UNECE

10:00 – 10:30

Keynote speech

Achieving a Sustainable Society for All Ages: Global goals require national and local action

Mr. Heinz Koller, ILO Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee Break

10:40 – 11:00

Side event: Opening of Poster exhibition (for duration of the Conference)



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Expert panels

11:00 – 12:30

Expert Panel I

Recognizing the Potential of Older Persons

The first expert panel highlights strategies to sensitize societies to the value of older persons and their potentials and to the need to promote intergenerational solidarity. Older persons' knowledge and skills stemming from life experience and professional know-how have to be explicitly recognized as a valuable resource to be used in the political, economic and social spheres for the benefit of younger generations and society at large. Particular aspects of intergenerational solidarity as the foundation of cohesive and sustainable societies of all ages will be addressed.

Introduction & Moderator:

Mrs. Sarah Harper, Co-Director of the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing, University of Oxford

Panellists:

Government Representatives/experts:

Mrs. Elke Ferner, Parliamentary Secretary of State, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany

Mrs. Ekaterina Antipova, Head of Department, Belarusian State University

Independent Expert/Researcher:

Mrs. Ann-Kristin Boström, ENCELL, the National Centre for Lifelong Learning, Sweden

NGO Representatives:

Mr. Josh Collett, Vice-President, AARP, United States of America

Mrs. Gulnara Minnigaleeva, Founder of Wisdom Ripening/NGO, Russian Federation

Discussion and questions from the audience

12:30 – 13:00

HE Mr. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, President of the Republic of Portugal

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch break

13:10 – 14:20

Parallel side events/lunch panel discussion:

- Active Ageing Index: Ways to realize the potential of living longer, UNECE
- Equity for all ages: Lessons from the region, UNFPA EECARO/UNECE



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14:30 – 15:50

Expert Panel II

Encouraging Longer Working Life and Ability to Work

The second expert panel presents successful strategies and progress achieved in the increase of employment opportunities for older persons. It examines most effective incentives for employers and employees and presents models of proven age management in enterprises. Panellists are expected to discuss the lasting consequences of the economic crisis and new working conditions through advanced technologies, the so-called industry 4.0, on the employment of older persons.

Introduction & Moderator:

Mr. Stefano Scarpetta, Director of Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD

Panellists:

Government Representatives/experts:

Mr. Bjørn Halvorsen, Special Adviser, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Norway

Mr. Boris Majcen, Director, Institute for Economic Research, Slovenia

Business representative – age-management practice:

Mr. Jorge Figueiredo, HR Director, Delta Cafés, Portugal

Social partners:

Mrs. Montserrat Mir Roca, Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation

Mr. Nuno Biscaya, Business Europe representative

Discussion and questions from the audience

15:50 – 16:20

Coffee break

16:00 – 16:15

Side event: Better statistics for ageing, UNECE



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16:20 – 17:50

Expert Panel III

Ensuring Ageing with Dignity

The third expert panel looks at effective and innovative concepts, policies and measures to empower people throughout the life cycle to lead an active and satisfactory life – in particular when growing old – and to avoid or diminish the need of assistance and care in old age. This includes appropriate conditions for ensuring social, emotional and economic security. Panellists explore services for people with poor physical or mental health that can help them accommodate their disabilities by learning or relearning the skills necessary for daily living.

Introduction & Moderator:

Mr. John Beard, Director, Ageing and Life Course Department, WHO

Panellists:

Government Representatives/ experts:

Mr. Pascal Froudière, Deputy Head of Department, Ministry of Solidarity and Health, France

Mr. Miguel Valero Duboy, Director, State Reference Centre for Personal Autonomy and Technical Aid, IMSERSO, Spain

Independent Experts/Researchers:

Mrs. Tine Rostgaard, Danish Institute for Local and Regional Government Research

Mr. José Pereira Miguel, Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Lisbon, Portugal

NGO Representative:

Mrs. Nataša Todorović, Red Cross of Serbia

Discussion and questions from the audience

17:50 – 18:00

Closing of the first day

Main messages from the expert panels: wrapping-up

Rapporteur:

Mr. Alexandre Sidorenko, Senior Advisor, European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research



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Plenary session

9:00 – 9:30

Opening of the Ministerial Segment

Mr. José António Vieira da Silva, Minister of Labour, Solidarity, and Social Security of Portugal

Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations (video message)

Mrs. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary of the UNECE

9:30 – 9:40

Presentation of the main elements of the draft Ministerial Declaration

Mrs. Erika Winkler, Chair of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing

High-level panel

9:40 – 11:15

Panel discussion between Ministers and Civil Society representatives

Recognizing the Potential of Older Persons: Intergenerational perspective

Introduction & Moderator:

Mrs. Mónica Ferro, Director, UNFPA Geneva office

Panellists:

Ministers:

Mr. Jānis Reirs, Minister of Welfare, Latvia

Mrs. Christl Kvam, State Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Norway

NGO Representatives:

Mr. Greg Shaw, Director, International Federation on Ageing

Mr. Ebbe Johansen, Vice-President, Age Platform Europe

Mr. Luis Alvarado Martinez, President, European Youth Forum

10:30 – 11:15

Press Conference

Mr. José António Vieira da Silva, Minister of Labour, Solidarity, and Social Security of Portugal

Mrs. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary of the UNECE

Mrs. Marianne Thyssen, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, European Commission



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11:15 – 11:45 *Coffee Break*

11:15 – 11:30 Group photo of the Heads of Delegations

11:45 – 12:00 **Presentation of the NGO Declaration and Research Community Declaration**

Mr. Dirk Jarré, President, EURAG

Mr. Kai Leichsenring, Executive Director, European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research

Ministerial roundtables

12:00 – 13:30 **First Ministerial Roundtable**
Encouraging Longer Working Life and Ability to Work

Keynote address:

Mrs. Marianne Thyssen, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, European Commission

Chair:

Mrs. Stela Grigoraş, Minister of Health, Labour and Social Protection, Republic of Moldova

Opening interventions on key issues:

Mr. Martin Klöti, President of the Cantonal Ministers for Social Affairs, Switzerland

Mr. Grigory Lekarev, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Protection, Russian Federation

Mrs. Edeltraud Glettler, Director-General, Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Austria

Roundtable discussion

Rapporteur:

Mrs. Agnieszka Chłoń-Domińczak, Warsaw School of Economics, Poland



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13:30 – 15:00 *Lunch Break*

13:30 – 14:45 **Side event/ lunch panel:**
Ageing and disability – policy challenges to social services planning and delivery,
Instituto Nacional de Reabilitação (INR)

15:00 – 16:30 **Second Ministerial Roundtable**
Ensuring Ageing with Dignity

Introduction and Chair:

Mr. Jim Daly, Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People, Ireland

Opening interventions on key issues:

Mr. Artem Asatryan, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, Armenia

Mrs. Céline Fremault, Minister, Member of the French Community Commission of the Brussels-Capital Region, responsible for the Policy on help to handicapped persons, social action, family and international relations, Belgium

Mrs. Olga Krentovska, First Deputy Minister of Social Policy, Ukraine

HE Mr. Andreas Ignatiou, Ambassador of Cyprus in Lisbon, on behalf of
Mrs. Zeta Emilianidou, Minister of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance, Cyprus

Roundtable discussion

Rapporteur:

Mr. Giovanni Lamura, National Institute of Health and Science on Ageing, Italy

Plenary Session

16:30 – 16:50 **Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration**

Stating priorities for furthering the implementation of the UNECE RIS/MIPAA

Mr. José António Vieira da Silva, Minister of Labour, Solidarity, and Social Security of Portugal

Mrs. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary of the UNECE

16:50 – 17:00 **Closing**