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)

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 – 13:10**  
**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 Grigoraș*, 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 – 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**