Ensuring a society for all ages: Promoting quality of life and active ageing

UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing 2012
19 - 20 September 2012, Vienna

Concluding the
2nd Cycle of Review and Appraisal of the
Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) 2002
and its
UNECE Regional Implementation Strategy (UNECE RIS/MIPAA), Berlin 2002

Marking the
30th Anniversary of the
Vienna International Plan of Action on Ageing (VIPAA) 1982

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Conference venue: AULA der WISSENSCHAFTEN, Wollzeile 27a, Vienna
Wednesday, 19 September 2012

Plenary session and Expert panels

8:00 – 9:30 Accreditation and registration

**Plenary session: 9:30 – 10:45**

9:30 – 9:50 Opening with official addresses:

Mr. Rudolf Hundstorfer, Federal Minister for Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection

Mr. Sven Alkalaj, Executive Secretary of UNECE

9:50 – 10:10 Adoption of the Agenda and Election of the Chair and Vice Chair

10:10 – 10:35 Mrs. Vitalija Gaučaitė Wittich, Chief, Population Unit, UNECE

Report on the 2nd Cycle of Review and appraisal of RIS/MIPAA

Overview of the ageing situation in the UNECE region: summary of findings from the national reports on the implementation of UNECE RIS/MIPAA

10:35 – 10:45 Ms. Daniela Bas, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)

Brief on global progress of MIPAA implementation, 2007-2012

**Expert Panels: 11:15-18:00**

11:15 – 13:00 PROMOTING LONGER WORKING LIFE AND MAINTAINING WORKABILITY

14:30 – 16:00 PARTICIPATION, NON-DISCRIMINATION AND SOCIAL INCLUSION OF OLDER PERSONS

16:30 – 18:00 CREATING AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR HEALTH, INDEPENDENCE AND AGEING IN DIGNITY

**Side events:**

10:50 – 11:10 Austrian Chamber of Labour: Presentation of ‘Dependency Ratio Calculator’- a simulation tool for the impact of labour markets on economic dependency ratios

13:00 The Poster exhibition opens (for duration of the Conference)

13:15 - 14:15 UNFPA panel ‘Policies on Ageing and Intergenerational Relations (with a special focus on Eastern Europe and Central Asia)”
First Expert Panel: 11:15 – 13:00

PROMOTING LONGER WORKING LIFE AND MAINTAINING WORKABILITY

The first panel will address the aspects of social, political and cultural implications of increasing life expectancy and the extension of working lives (including a consideration of the gender dimension). It will reflect on how the perception of being ‘old’ in general and in the context of work changes in an ageing society and what does it mean in practice to acknowledge the contributions of the older work force. Answers will be sought on what is needed to improve health and safety at work and to make working longer fully possible and attractive, and how changes in pension systems could motivate all generations to work longer.

Chair/Moderator:  Mr. Bernd Marin
Director, European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research

Keynote speaker:  Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs
Executive Director of the Employment Sector, International Labour Organisation

Panellists:  Mr. Juhani Ilmarinen
Emeritus Professor at Finnish Institute of Occupational Health, Helsinki
Founder of Ilmarinen Consulting, Finland

Mrs. Irene Kloimüller
Austrian Scientist and Coordinator of the Austrian Programme “Fit for the future – maintaining workability”

Ms. Renate Hornung-Draus
Vice-President of the International Organisation of Employers and Managing Director of the Confederation of German Employers (BDA)

Ms. Nazgul Asangojoeva-Baekova
Helpage International, Kyrgyzstan

Representative (to be nominated)
International Trade Union Confederation

Mr. Guy Morissette
Director, Seniors Policy, Human Resources and Skills Development, Canada

Mr. Bjørn Halvorsen
Special Adviser, Ministry of Labour, Norway

Mr. Niclas Jacobson
Director, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Sweden
Chair of the Working Group on Ageing, EU Social Protection Committee

Rapporteur:  Mr. Robert Anderson
European Foundation for the Improvement of Working and Living Conditions, Dublin, Ireland

Discussion and questions from the audience

13:00 – 14:30  Lunch Break
Second Expert Panel: 14:30 – 16:00

PARTICIPATION, NON-DISCRIMINATION AND SOCIAL INCLUSION OF OLDER PERSONS

The second expert panel will discuss the ways to effectively promote essential components of the quality of life such as continuous labour market participation; active contribution to domestic tasks (including housework and caring for others); active participation of older persons in political, social and community life and active leisure. The promotion of later-life learning as a facilitator of active ageing will be considered, as well as that of volunteering for realizing the potential of older women and men. The panellists are expected to debate on how to guarantee non-discriminatory access to social and health services for older persons, and how to address in general the needs of older consumers and better protect their consumer rights. The role of education in raising awareness of ageing and its effect on perceptions and attitudes of the public and of media towards ageing and older people will be looked at.

Chair/Moderator: Mrs. Noreen Siba
Managing Director, International Longevity Center – United Kingdom

Keynote speaker: Mr. Clemens Tesch-Römer
Director, German Centre of Gerontology, Berlin, Member of the German Federal Government’s Expert Committee on the Life Situation of Older Persons in Germany

Panellists:
Mr. Joseph Troisi
Director of the Institute of Gerontology and Geriatrics, University of Malta

Ms. Galina Poliakova
Turbota pro Litnii v Ukraini (Age Concern Ukraine), Ukraine

Mrs. Sacramento Pinazo Hernandis
Professor in Social Psychology, Coordinator of social psychological research on ageing, Valencia University, Spain

Mrs. Lidiya Kozarcanin
Republic Institute for Social Welfare, Focal Point on Ageing, Serbia

Mrs. Aylin Çiftçi
Director General of Disabled and Elderly Services, Ministry of Family and Social Policies, Turkey

Mr. Alexis Rinckenbach
Head of the European and international affairs unit, Social Cohesion General Directorate, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, France

Rapporteur: Mrs. Ela L. Libanova
Director, Institute for Demography and Social Studies, Ukraine

Discussion and questions from the audience

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break
The third expert panel is expected to consider what policy strategies could support active ageing as the process of optimizing opportunities for health, participation and security in order to enhance quality of life as people age. The panellists will look into what health measures are useful throughout the life-course to prevent disability and to promote well-being in older age, and how older persons can be empowered to live independently even if they are facing disability. The discussion will consider measures to better protect older people from abuse and neglect and to ensure their dignity and human rights. Setting quality standards for social care and health services, improving working conditions, the image and the training of professional care workers, reconciling work, family and care duties of informal caregivers are among the aspects to be addressed.

Chair/Moderator: Mr. Manfred Huber  
Coordinator, Healthy Ageing, Disability and Long-Term Care, Regional Office for Europe, WHO, Copenhagen

Keynote speaker: Mrs. Susanne Iwarrson  
Professor at the Lund University, Sweden  
Member of the EU-Programme „Futurage: A roadmap for European Ageing Research“

Panellists:  
Ms. Olga Mikhailova  
Executive Director, Saint Petersburg Institute of Bioregulation and Gerontology

Mr. Dirk Jarré  
EURAG, NGO forum coordinator

Mr. Dieter Hackler  
Director General, Department for Senior Citizens, Welfare and Engagement Policies, Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Women, Senior Citizens and Youth, Germany

Mr. Edwin Walker  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging, United States

Mrs. Reeli Sirotkina  
Chief Specialist, Social Welfare Department, Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia

Ms. Nadezhda Uskova  
Deputy Director of the Department of Demographic Policy and Social Protection, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Russian Federation

Rapporteur: Mrs. Saodat Kamalova  
Director, Central Asian Gerontological Centre, Tajikistan

Discussion and questions from the audience

18:00 Closing of the first day
Thursday, 20 September 2012

High-level segment: Plenary sessions and Ministerial panels

**Plenary session 1: 9:00 – 9:40**

9:00 – 9:30  Opening of the Ministerial Segment

**Mr. Rudolf Hundstorfer**, Federal Minister for Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection

**Mr. Sven Alkalaj**, UNECE Executive Secretary

**Mr. Heinz Fischer**, Federal President of the Republic of Austria

9:30 – 9:40  Setting the stage for the Ministerial Declaration 2012

**Mrs. Erika Winkler**, Chair of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing, presents main elements of the draft Ministerial Declaration
Panel discussion between Ministers and Civil Society representatives: 9:40-11:15

**Stimulating Intergenerational Dialogue and Solidarity Between the Generations: A Shared Responsibility**

The panel with a focus on ageing as a life-course process will discuss the ways to ensure intergenerational reciprocity and measures to promote solidarity between generations as one of the pillars of social cohesion. The panellists are expected to review the issues on social rights and obligations of younger and older people and how existing and potential conflicts can be resolved. The risk of pension systems crowding out investments in youth or questions regarding the right to education, the social rights of different generations, and the solidarity behind social institutions will be considered, among other aspects.

**Chair/Moderator:** Ms. Ursula Lehr  
“Gerontologist of the first hour” and Chairperson of BAGSO, the German Federal Head Organization of Senior Citizens’ Organizations, Former German Minister of Youth, Family, Women and Health

**Keynote speakers:** Ms. Irene Hoskins  
President of International Federation on Ageing 2006 - 2012

Mr. Lloyd Russell-Moyle  
Board Member, European Youth Forum

**Panellists:** Mrs. Sotiroula Charalambous  
Minister of Labour and social insurance, Cyprus (EU Presidency)

Mr. Davor Dominkus, Director General, on behalf of Mrs. Patricia Čular  
State Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Family and Social affairs, Slovenia

**Representatives of Civil Society:**

Mrs. Anne-Sophie Parent  
Secretary General, AGE Platform Europe

Mrs. Hilde Hawlicek  
Austrian Council of Senior Citizens Organisations

Ms. Jenny Beekmann  
Author of “Silence between Generations? Characteristics and determinants of intergenerational communication processes between young and older persons”

**Rapporteur:** Mrs. Marja Vaarama  
Director of the National Institute on Health and Welfare, Finland  
Professor of Social Work and Social Gerontology at the University of Lapland

**Discussion and questions from the audience**
Press Conference: **10:30 – 11:00**

- **Mr. Rudolf Hundstorfer**, Federal Minister for Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection
- **Mr. Sven Alkalaj**, UNECE Executive Secretary
- **Mr. László Andor**, EU-Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

**11:15 – 11:45**  
*Coffee Break*

**Plenary session 2: 11:45 – 12:00**

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

- **Mr. Dirk Jarré**, NGO Forum coordinator
- **Mr. Alexandre Sidorenko**, Research Forum coordinator
ENSURING A SOCIETY FOR ALL AGES: PROMOTING QUALITY OF LIFE AND ACTIVE AGEING

FOCUS ON:
PROMOTING LONGER WORKING LIFE AND MAINTAINING WORK ABILITY
PROMOTING PARTICIPATION, NON-DISCRIMINATION AND SOCIAL INCLUSION OF OLDER PERSONS

Chair/Moderator: Ms. Kathy Greenlee
Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging, Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services, United States

Keynote speaker: Mr. László Andor
EU-Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
“The European Year of Active Ageing 2012”

Ministers:
Mrs. Alice Wong
Minister of State (Seniors), Canada

Mr. Ján Richter
Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, Slovakia

Mr. Totyu Mladenov
Minister of Labour and Social Policy, Bulgaria

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

Mr. Donatas Jankauskas
Minister of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania

Mrs. Michèle Delaunay
Deputy Minister in charge of the Elderly and of Autonomy at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, France

Rapporteur: Mr. Andres Vikat
Chief of Social and Demographic Statistics, UNECE

13:30 – 15:00  Lunch Break
13:30 – 13:45  Group photo of the UNECE Ministers and Heads of Delegations

Side Event:
14:00 – 15:00  European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research: Presenting preliminary results of “Active Ageing Index”
Second Ministerial panel: 15:00 – 16:30

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PROMOTING QUALITY OF LIFE IN OLDER AGE
CREATING AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR HEALTH, INDEPENDENCE AND AGEING IN DIGNITY

Chair/Moderator: Mrs. Marlies Veldhuijzen van Zanten-Hyllner
State Secretary, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, Netherlands

Ministers:
Mr. Dieter Hackler, Director General, on behalf of
Mr. Hermann Kues
Parliamentary Secretary of State within the Federal Ministry of Family, Women, Senior Citizens and Youth, Germany

Mr. Henrik Kjellberg, Political Advisor, on behalf of
Ms. Maria Larsson
Minister for Children and the Elderly, Sweden

Mrs. Valentina Buliga
Minister of Labour, Social Protection and Family, Republic of Moldova

Mr. Alexey Vovchenko
Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Protection, Russian Federation

Mrs. Renate Müssner
Minister for Health and Social Affairs, Liechtenstein

Ms. Kathy Greenlee
Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging, Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services, United States

Mrs. Evelyne Huytebroeck
Minister of the Brussels regional government, Belgium

UN representative: Mr. Werner Haug
Director, UNFPA Eastern Europe and Central Asia Regional Office

Rapporteur: Mr. Igor Tomeš
Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic

Plenary session 3: 16:30 – 17:00

16:30 – 16:50 Adoption of Ministerial Declaration:
STATING PRIORITIES FOR FURTHERING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNECE RIS/MIPAA

Mr. Rudolf Hundstorfer, Federal Minister for Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection

Mr. Sven Alkalaj, UNECE Executive Secretary

16:50 – 17:00 Closing of the Conference

17:00 Farewell
Side events

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During the first coffee break

10:50 – 11:10  (venue: Aula Lounge, ground floor)

Austrian Chamber of Labour (Josef Wöss )

Presentation of ‘Dependency Ratio Calculator’ - a simulation tool for the impact of labour markets on economic dependency ratios.

During the lunch break

Poster exhibition: Good practices from the UNECE region

Opens at 13:00 for duration of the Conference
(venue: Corridor hall, first floor)

The UNECE Ministerial Conference hosts a poster exhibition to showcase good practice examples and innovative approaches in implementing MIPAA/RIS. Posters are prepared by the UNECE Member States as well as NGOs and scientists participating in the Ministerial Conference.

13:15 - 14:15  (venue: Aula Lounge, ground floor)

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA):

Policies on Ageing and Intergenerational Relations (with a special focus on Eastern Europe and Central Asia)"

Panel discussion of high level policy makers and prominent experts at the 2012 UNECE Ministerial Conference

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During the lunch break

14:00 - 15:00  (venue: Aula Lounge, ground floor)

European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research (Vienna):

Presenting preliminary results of the Active Ageing Index

Within the framework of the 2012 European Year on Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations, the European Commission DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion together with UNECE and the European Centre Vienna work on a project “Active Ageing Index”. The project aims to provide the policy makers with a tool that indicates in an easy and understandable manner the imminent domains for policy interventions in promoting active ageing in all its multifaceted ways. The index is expected to help to measure the potential in ensuring quality of life of ageing population in European Union and other UNECE countries.