UNECE REGIONAL FORUM OF NGO REPRESENTATIVES ON AGEING

18 September 2012
Aula der Wissenschaften
Wollzeile 27, 1010, Vienna, Austria

08:00 to 09:00 Registration of participants for the NGO Forum

09:00 to 09:40 Joint Opening of the NGO Forum and the Forum of Researchers and Practitioners
Opening speeches:
Mr. Rudolf Hundstorfer, Federal Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Austria
Prof. Dr. Karlheinz Töchterle, Federal Minister of Science and Research, Austria
Ms. Lidia Bratanova, Director, Statistics Division, United Economic Commission for Europe
Mr. Ralf Jacob, Head of Unit, Active Ageing, Pensions, Healthcare, Social Services; Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

09:45 to 10:30 General information about the UNECE-Ministerial Conference on Ageing, the NGO Forum, the Political Declaration and the intended NGO Declaration
• General discussion – Q & A

10:30 to 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 to 13:00 Presentation of the main issues addressed in the Ministerial Conference and in the Political Declaration
• Discussion: views, priorities and demands of the NGOs in respect to the content of the Ministerial Conference and the Political Declaration

13:00 to 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 to 16.00 Discussion in 2 working groups on the central issues to be emphasized upon by the NGOs in the panels of the Ministerial Conference and in the NGO Declaration

16:00 to 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 to 18:00 Presentation and discussion of the outcome of the working groups:
• Possible main elements of the NGO Declaration and of important aspects to be put forward in the panel discussions of the Ministerial Conference
• Agreement on the mandate of the drafting team for the NGO Declaration

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1 One group will be in all working languages - English, French, German, Russian - the other one will work in one language only (TBD).