
Terms of Reference of the Working Group on Ageing

1. The Working Group on Ageing is an intergovernmental body, which is subsidiary to the UNECE Executive Committee.
 2. The mandate of the Working Group extends throughout the five-year cycle of the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, i.e 2018–2022. It will submit a full report on its accomplishments over the five years with interim annual reports to the Executive Committee. After receiving these reports, the Executive Committee will review the activities of the Working Group and decide whether to renew its mandate for the next cycle.
 3. The Working Group meets annually. In between the sessions its work is guided by the Bureau as provided by section VI of the Guidelines on procedures and practices for ECE bodies. The Working Group on Ageing and its Bureau are serviced by the UNECE secretariat.
 4. Members of the Working Group are the representatives of national authorities dealing with ageing in the UNECE member States.
 5. The aims of the Working Group are:
 - (a) to contribute to the effective implementation of commitments taken by member States at international meetings on ageing, particularly the commitments of the Regional Implementation Strategy of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (2002), the León Ministerial Declaration (2007), the Vienna Ministerial Declaration (2012) and the Lisbon Ministerial Declaration (2017);
 - (b) to provide direction and guidance to the UNECE work in the field of ageing;
 - (c) to promote international cooperation, exchange of experience and policy discussion on ageing taking into account the situation and different needs of individual countries;
 - (d) to promote awareness of ageing and its implications throughout the UNECE region;
 - (e) to create synergies within and outside UNECE.
 6. The Working Group builds, among others, on the experience and work of the national focal points on ageing.
 7. The Working Group cooperates and determines its activities in close contact with other international governmental and non-governmental organizations active in the field of ageing, to avoid duplication, and to focus on challenges of specific interest to UNECE member States. It promotes cooperation with international organizations and encourages partnership among the public and private sectors in addressing the implications of population ageing.
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