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Working Group on Ageing

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Geneva, 20 and 21 November 2014
Item 1 of the provisional agenda
Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the seventh meeting

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, beginning on Thursday, 20 November 2014 at 10 a.m.*

I. Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
2. Election of a new Bureau member
4. Brief on the outcomes of ageing-related events
   (a) The 52nd Session of the Commission for Social Development (February 2014) and the 47th Session of the commission for Population and Development (April 2014)
   (b) The latest meeting of the Open Ended Working Group on Ageing in New York (August 2014)
   (c) New international initiatives in the area of ageing and incorporation of ageing in the UN post-2015 development agenda

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5. Report on the outcomes of the sixth meeting of the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing

6. Implementation of the WGA work programme in 2014:
   (a) Discussion groups
   (b) Policy Brief on ‘Innovative and empowering strategies for care’
   (c) Road Map on Ageing in Georgia
   (d) Monitoring MIPAA/RIS: potential use of the Active Ageing Index
   (e) Generations and Gender

7. Country experiences

8. Main elements of the WGA work programme for 2015
   (a) Developing guidelines for the national reports on the third cycle of MIPAA/RIS implementation
   (b) Other programme elements

9. Overview of activities of the Task Force on Ageing-Related Statistics

10. Financing of the work programme

11. Other business, summary and conclusions of the annual session

II. Annotations

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

   Timing: Thursday, 20 November, 10.00 –10.30 a.m.

   Documentation: Annotated Provisional agenda of the 7th meeting of the Working Group on Ageing (ECE/WG.1/2014/1)

   1. The provisional agenda contained in the present document is based on the draft outline agreed upon by the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing at its sixth meeting (ECE/WG.1/2014/3) and is presented for approval. The Working Group is asked to adopt the agenda.

2. Election of officers

   Timing: Thursday, 20 November, 10.30–11.00 a.m.

   2. Following the departure of Prof. Joseph Troisi as the focal point on ageing of Malta the Working Group is asked to elect a new Bureau member to replace him.


   Timing: Thursday, 20 November, 11.00 –11.40 a.m.

   3. A representative of the World Bank will present the report released in October 2014, followed by a brief discussion.
4. Brief on the outcomes of ageing-related events

Timing: Thursday, 20 November, 11.40 a.m.–12.30 p.m.

(a) The 52nd Session of the Commission for Social Development (February 2014) and the 47th Session of the Commission for Population and Development (April 2014).

4. The Chair will provide an overview of the 52nd session of the Commission for Social Development and the Secretariat will report on the 47th Session of the Commission for Population and Development.


5. The Secretariat will inform WGA participants about the latest developments in the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing and national focal points who participated in its last session in August 2014 will be invited to share their views.

(c) New international initiatives in the area of ageing and incorporation of ageing in the UN post-2015 development agenda

6. Representatives of the World Health Organization, International Labour Organization and the European Union will provide information about recent initiatives and projects in the area of ageing. The Secretariat will provide an update about discussions regarding the post-2015 development agenda. The presentations will be followed by discussion.

5. Report on the outcomes of the sixth meeting of the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing

Timing: Thursday, 20 November, 12.30–1.00 p.m.

Documentation: Report on the sixth meeting of the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing (ECE/WG.1/2014/3)

7. The Vice-chair will provide an overview of the discussions at the sixth bureau meeting on 8-9 May, 2014 in Valletta (Malta).

6. Implementation of the WGA work programme in 2014

Timing: Thursday, 20 November, 3.00–4.30 p.m.

Documentation: Report of the meeting of the bureau of the Working Group on Ageing (ECE/WG.1/2014/3); Implementation of the Work Programme in 2014 (ECE/WG.1/2014/4)

(a) Discussion groups

8. The Chair of the WGA and the rapporteurs of the discussion groups will report about their activities during 2014.

(b) Policy Brief on ‘Innovative and empowering strategies for care’
9. The Secretariat will present a first draft of the Policy Brief on ‘Innovative and empowering strategies for care’ and will subsequently engage the participants in a discussion.

(c) Road Map on Ageing in Georgia

10. The Secretariat together with the representative of Georgia will present the recommendations of the Road Map document on Mainstreaming Ageing in Georgia and report on the steps taken for developing plan of action to be endorsed by the Government.

(d) Monitoring MIPAA/RIS: use of the Active Ageing Index

11. Representatives of several countries, including Bulgaria (t.b.c), Latvia (t.b.c.), Poland, and Spain (Biscay province) will inform about the initiatives related to the use of the Active Ageing Index at the national and subnational level. Poland will also report on experiences with the peer review process on the use Active Ageing Index. The Secretariat will inform on the progress of the second phase of the AII project.

(e) Generations and Gender

12. The Secretariat will comment about the recent developments in the Generations and Gender Programme, followed by a discussion about the use of GGP data as an evidence-base for policy-making in the region.

7. Country experiences

Timing: Thursday, 20 November, 4.30–6.00 p.m.

13. Malta and Poland will present their active ageing policies and first achievements in their implementation. Other countries may take the floor to present about experiences during the last year. They are requested to contact the Secretariat in advance. Discussion Groups will then convene among themselves to discuss about good practices from their countries. The leaders/rapporteurs of the Discussion Groups are expected to collect good practice examples for discussion in advance.

8. Main elements of the WGA work programme for 2015

Timing: Friday, 21 November, 9.30 –12.30 p.m.

(a) Developing guidelines for the national reports on the third cycle of MIPAA/RIS implementation and preparations for the Ministerial Conference in 2017

(i) Outline proposals for the guidelines by the WGA Bureau

14. The member of the WGA Bureau will present a proposal regarding the reporting about the third cycle of MIPAA/RIS implementation. The WGA will briefly discuss and comment on the general elements of the proposal.

(ii) Preparations for the Ministerial Conference 2017

15. The Chair will provide a general introduction about the future Conference and elements that need to be decided, in particular a title of the Conference and topics for the programme. The representative of Turkey, the host country, will suggest tentative dates for the Conference and inform WGA about the planned timeline of the preparatory process.
(iii) Discussion in groups

16. The Discussion groups will convene amongst themselves to discuss the guidelines for national reporting from the perspective of the respective group’s topic. They will be expected to provide suggestions regarding the structure, proposed length, coverage and other elements of the 2017 national reports. Discussion groups will also discuss about the possible title, themes and preparation of the Ministerial Conference in 2017.

(b) Other programme elements

17. The Chair will initiate the discussion about other elements of the programme of work, including topics for the next Policy Briefs on ageing, capacity building and MIPAA/RIS monitoring activities, and tools for building evidence for policy-making, e.g. the Active Ageing Index (AAI) and the Generations and Gender Programme (GGP).

9. Overview of activities of the Task Force on Ageing-Related Statistics

Timing: Friday, 21 November, 2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.

18. A representative of the Task Force on Ageing-Related Statistics will present an overview of the advancements made towards improving the availability, accessibility and comparability of statistical data in support of ageing-related policy-making.

10. Financing of the work programme

Timing: Friday, 21 November, 3.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

19. The Secretariat will report on the current status of the financing of the programme, including budget allocations of recent donations, and identify areas that require further contribution. Members will be invited to pledge and to discuss funding opportunities.

11. Other business, summary and conclusions of the annual session

Timing: Friday, 23 November, 4 – 4.30 p.m.

20. WGA members wishing to discuss other issues under this agenda item are invited to inform the secretariat before the meeting.

21. The Chair, with the assistance of the secretariat, will summarize the decisions taken so far at the annual session of the Working Group on Ageing.