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#### Review of subprogramme performance and programme planning

### **Draft programme of work of the Working Group on Ageing for 2012-2013 under the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme**

#### Note by the Secretariat

#### Introduction

1. The present document sets out the draft programme of work of the Working Group on Ageing (WGA) for 2012–2013 which covers Population component of the Housing, Land management and Population subprogramme. The WGA is invited to consider the programme and subsequently adopt it at its fourth meeting. It will then be submitted to the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Executive Committee for formal approval. The WGA will have the opportunity to adjust its programme of work during the course of the biennium and such adjustments will be reflected in a separate document.

2. The draft programme of work applies a results-based approach. It comprises, for each cluster of activities, an expected accomplishment and a list of proposed outputs/activities for 2012–2013. The delivery of these outputs/activities is expected to contribute to achieving the expected results.

3. The grouping of activities into clusters is exactly the same as that used by the WGA for the biennial evaluation of its subprogramme performance. The correlation between the ECE Strategic Framework and the cluster framework used for subprogramme biennial evaluation for 2012–2013 is shown in Annex II to the present document.

4. Furthermore, the outputs/activities listed in this document correspond with the ECE proposed programme budget for 2012–2013 and are complemented by additional items to reflect the more recent developments and needs of ECE member States. For easy reference, such new outputs/activities have been clearly indicated as “additional”.

5. The outputs/activities have been listed under the cluster of activities to which they belong according to the following main categories: (a) meetings and related parliamentary documentation; (b) publications and other information material; and (c) technical cooperation, including, seminars, workshops, training sessions, advisory services.

6. The relevant indicators of achievement, together with baseline and target data against which performance will be measured, are presented in Annex II to this document in order to facilitate the task of the WGA to assess whether all outputs which are necessary to achieve the expected result have been included in the plan.

7. Finally, Annex I to the present document lists the ECE overall legislative mandates and those specific for the subprogramme.

## I. Objective and strategy

8. The objective of the Population subprogramme is to improve the necessary knowledge base on population issues and strengthen the formulation and implementation of policies, enhancing social cohesion and developing capacities at the national and local levels.

9. The responsibility for the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme is vested in the Population unit of the Statistics Division. The Population unit will promote the implementation of the ECE Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, in order to meet the challenges arising from demographic change and to release the unused potential embedded in some population groups; in particular, older persons. To improve evidence-based policymaking and monitor implementation in member States, it will coordinate data collection and policy-oriented research on population ageing, intergenerational and gender relations, family and fertility. Good policy practices will be exchanged and national capacities for policy formulation in response to demographic change will be developed.

10. The activities and outputs of the proposed programme of work are contingent upon the availability of requisite financial resources. Members of the Working Group are invited to pledge financial contributions to the UNECE trust fund on ageing and/or to offer in-kind contributions of support for the proposed programme of work for 2012-13.

## II. Outputs/activities to be delivered in the 2012–2013 biennium

### Cluster 1 Population Ageing

<i>Description of cluster</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
Addressing policy challenges and maximizing opportunities of population ageing	Enhanced policies and actions for adjusting societies to population ageing

**Outputs/activities**

- (a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*
- 1.1 Fifth and sixth meetings of the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing/ Ministerial Conference Preparatory Meeting (1+ 1 additional)
  - 1.2 Regional Ministerial Conference on Ageing, September 2012
  - 1.3 Fifth and sixth annual meetings of the Working Group on Ageing
  - 1.4 Reports of the annual meetings of the Working Group on Ageing (2)
  - 1.5 Report of the Regional Ministerial Conference on Ageing (1)
  - 1.6 Progress reports on activities in the field of population ageing/ Reports of the meetings of the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing (2)
  - 1.8 Reports on specific topics related to population (4).
- (b) *Publications and other information material*
- 1.9 Policy briefs on ageing (4)
  - 1.10 Road Map for Mainstreaming Ageing in the Republic of Moldova (1)
  - 1.11 Proceedings of the Ministerial Conference on Ageing (1)
  - 1.12 Publication related to population issues (topic to be decided during the Ministerial Conference on Ageing) (1)
  - 1.13 Publication/booklet of the WGA in-depth discussion on Quality of life and active ageing (1)
  - 1.14 Press releases to be issued on the occasion of meetings, forums and the issuance of publications related to population activities (1)
  - 1.15 Maintenance of the website providing access to information and documents related to population activities (1)
- (c) *Technical cooperation*
- 1.16 Fact-finding and advisory missions to develop national capacities in the design and implementation of ageing related policies and programmes (2)
  - 1.17 Workshop on ageing (1)

## **Cluster 2**

### **Generations and Gender**

<i>Description of cluster</i>	<i>Expected accomplishments from this cluster</i>
Analysis of intergenerational and gender relationships	Improved national and international knowledge base for policymaking on issues related to intergenerational relationships, gender, family and fertility

**Outputs/activities**

(a) *Meetings and related parliamentary documentation*

2.1 Report on specific topic related to population (Generations and Gender Programme (GGP)) (1)

(b) *Publications and other information material*

2.2 Press releases to be issued on the occasion of meetings, forums and the issuance of publications related to GGP activities (1)

2.3 Maintenance of the website providing access to information and documents related to GGP (1)

2.4 Internet-accessible GGP research bibliography (additional) (1)

(c) *Technical cooperation*

2.5 Field project: provision of support to national teams conducting Generations and Gender Surveys in several countries (1)

## Annex I

### Legislative mandates

#### A. Overall ECE legislative mandates

##### 1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
57/270 B	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields
64/217	Women in development

##### 2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
2006/38	Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission
2009/29	Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16

##### 3. Others

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
A (63)	The Work of the Economic Commission for Europe

#### B. Legislative mandates specific to the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme

##### 1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
64/132	Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing
65/182	Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing
65/234	Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014

**2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council**

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<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
2004/2	Follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development
2009/1	The contribution of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development to the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals
2010/14	Future implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 (E/2010/26, chap. I, sect. A, draft resolution V, and E/2010/SR.45)

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**3. Others**

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<i>Res No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
Commission for Social Development: Resolution 47/3 (2009)	First review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002
Commission for Social Development: E/CN.5/2011/7	Modalities of the second review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002
ECE/AC.23/2002/2/Rev.6	Regional Implementation Strategy of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002
ECE/AC.30/2007/6	Léon Ministerial Declaration "A Society for all Ages: Challenges and Opportunities"
ECE/EX/2011/L.6	Decision on matters relating to the Working Group on Ageing: extension of the mandate of the Working Group on Ageing
ECE/2011/37	Economic Commission for Europe Biennial Report (1 April 2009-31 March 2011) chap. IV, Decision adopted by the sixty-fourth session of the Economic Commission for Europe (paragraphs 10-11)

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## Annex II

### Correlation between the ECE strategic framework and the cluster framework to be used for subprogramme biennial evaluation 2012–2013

Table A.

<i>Expected accomplishment of the Population component of Subprogramme 8: Enhanced national policy formulation on population ageing and intergenerational and gender relations, to meet the challenges of demographic change.</i>		
<i>Indicators of achievement:</i>		
<i>(i) Increase in the number of countries that have adjusted their policies or introduced new measures in implementing the ECE Regional Strategy on Ageing</i>		
<i>Cluster</i>	<i>Cluster level expected accomplishments</i>	<i>Indicators of achievement</i>
1. Population Ageing	Enhanced policies and actions for adjusting societies to population ageing	(i) Increased number of countries that have adjusted policies or introduced new measures to implement the ECE Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing  <i>Performance measures:</i> Baseline 2008-2009: 22 countries Estimate 2010-2011: 26 countries Target 2012–2013: 30 countries
2. Generations and Gender	Improved national and international knowledge base for policymaking on issues related to intergenerational relationships, gender, family and fertility	(i) Increased number of countries engaged in national data collection and analysis in the Generations and Gender Programme  <i>Performance measures:</i> Baseline 2008-2009: 17 countries Estimate 2010-2011: 18 countries Target 2012–2013: 19 countries