

UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing

Final programme

Wednesday, 15 June 2022

- 7:45 – 19:00 **Accreditation**
- 9:30 – 18:00 Joint Forum of Civil Society and Scientific Research
- 18:30 Cocktail reception

Thursday, 16 June 2022

- 7:45 – 19:00 **Accreditation**

Plenary session

- 9:30 – 9:50 **Opening**
Ms. Elena Bonetti, Minister for Equal Opportunities and Family of Italy
Mr. Sergio Mattarella, President of Italy (message delivered by Ms. Elena Bonetti, Minister for Equal Opportunities and Family of Italy)
Dr. Zsuzsanna Jakab, Deputy Director-General of WHO (video message)
Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary of UNECE
- 9:50 – 10:00 **Adoption of the agenda and election of the Chair and Vice-Chair(s)**
- 10:00 – 10:15 **Launch of MIPAA+20 Report and the UNECE Synthesis Report**
on the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing
in the UNECE region (2017-2022)
Ms. Lisa Warth, Population Unit, UNECE
- 10:15 – 10:40 **Member States' interventions on national progress towards
the implementation of MIPAA/RIS (by subscription)**
- 10:40 – 11:00 **Keynote speech**
Priorities for ageing policies in the UNECE Region
Mr. Alexandre Sidorenko, Senior Advisor, European Centre for Social Welfare Policy
and Research
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee Break**
- 11:10 – 11:25 **Side event**
- Opening of Poster exhibition (for the duration of the Conference)

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Expert panels

11:30 – 12:45

Expert Panel I

Promoting active and healthy ageing throughout life

The first expert panel will discuss key elements of a life-course approach to active and healthy ageing across policy sectors. It will cover progress in combatting ageism, promoting lifelong learning, age-friendly employment and health promotion. Emphasis will also be put on the inclusion of older persons through the creation of safe and enabling environments - digital, social and physical - that foster participation in the economy and society throughout life, including when functional capacity declines.

Introduction & Moderator:

Ms. Norah Keating, Director, Global Social Issues on Ageing, International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics

Panellists:

Government representatives:

Ms. Elena Bonetti, Minister for Equal Opportunities and Family of Italy

Ms. Christie Morreale, Vice-President of the Walloon Government, Minister for Employment, Training, Health, Social Action, Equal Opportunities and Women's Rights

Mr. Dan Juvan, State Secretary of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of Slovenia

NGO/private sector representatives:

Mr. Kiran Rabheru, Chair of the Steering Group of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People (GAROP)

Dr. Arno Elmer, Managing Director, BeHome, Germany

Discussion and questions from the audience

12:45 – 14:30

Lunch break

13:15 – 14:15

Parallel side events

- Towards age-responsive crisis management: what we have learned from the COVID pandemic
Organised by Austria
- Rights, health and dignity: Strengthening demographic resilience by harnessing the opportunities that come with population ageing
Organised by Bulgaria, Georgia and UNFPA
- Preventing the loss of autonomy: for a better cooperation on the issue of falls of senior citizens
Organised by France, Italy and Switzerland

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Expert panels

14:30 – 15:45

Expert Panel II

Ensuring access to long-term care and support for carers and families

The second expert panel will present successful strategies and progress achieved in ensuring access to high-quality long-term care and palliative care in ageing societies. It will examine national strategies and experiences in the provision of long-term care, including at home and within the community, as well as the long-term sustainability and resource needs of long-term care systems. The panel will also address the human rights, dignity and self-determination of older persons in long-term care settings, and the concerns raised and lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic. Panellists are further expected to discuss the support provided by ECE member States to families and informal caregivers, such as adaptations to social protection systems, measures aimed at reconciling employment and care work, and strategies to promote the equal sharing of informal care between women and men.

Introduction & Moderator:

Ms. Francesca Colombo, Head of the Health Division, OECD

Panellists:

Government representatives/experts:

Mr. Ernst van Koesveld, Vice-minister for Long Term Care at the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport of the Netherlands

Mons. Vincenzo Paglia, President of the Commission for the Reform of Healthcare and Socio-medical assistance for the Older Population of Italy

Independent expert/member of international organization:

Ms. Claudia Mahler, UN Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons

NGO representatives:

Ms. Maria Petkova, Director, Tulip Foundation, Bulgaria

Mr. Stecy Yghemonos, Director, Eurocarers

Discussion and questions from the audience

15:45 – 16:15

Coffee break

15:50 – 16:10

Side event

- Implementation of the United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing
Organised by WHO

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Expert panels

16:15 – 17:30

Expert Panel III

Mainstreaming ageing to advance a society for all ages

The third expert panel will discuss the need for a systematic integration of ageing issues across all policy fields and at all levels of government. It will look at examples of mainstreaming ageing at the national, regional and local levels. This includes an exploration of the twin-track approach to mainstreaming, considering ageing both from a societal and individual perspective, a discussion of the whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches to policy making, as well as an examination of the links between mainstreaming ageing and sustainable development.

Introduction & Moderator:

Mr. Edmundo Martinho, Chair of the UNECE Standing Working Group on Ageing

Panellists:

Government representatives/experts:

Ms. Mary Butler, Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People of Ireland

Ms. Annette Gibbons, Associate Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development
Canada

Ms. Nathalie Barthoulot, Minister of the Canton of Jura, President of the Swiss Conference
of Cantonal Ministers of Social Affairs (CDAS)

Independent expert/researcher:

Ms. Liat Ayalon, Professor at the School of Social Work, Bar Ilan University, Israel

NGO representatives:

Ms. Tatiana Sorocan, Country Director for HelpAge International Moldova

Discussion and questions from the audience

17:30 – 17:45

Closing of the first day

Main messages from the expert panels: wrapping-up

Rapporteur:

Mr. Kai Leichsenring, Executive Director, European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and
Research

20:00

Official dinner

Location: Le Quattro Stagioni Restaurant, Ergife Palace Hotel & Conference Center

Friday, 17 June 2022

Plenary session

- 9:00 – 9:20 **Opening of the Ministerial Segment**
Ms. Elena Bonetti, Minister for Equal Opportunities and Family of Italy
Mr. Benedetto Della Vedova, Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy
Mr. Andrea Orlando, Minister of Labour and Social Policies of Italy
Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations (message delivered by Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary of UNECE)
Ms. Diene Keita, Deputy Executive Director (Programme) of UNFPA
- 9:20 – 9:30 **Presentation of the main elements of the draft Ministerial Declaration**
Mr. Edmundo Martinho, Chair of the UNECE Standing Working Group on Ageing
- 9:30 – 9:40 **Presentation of the joint declaration of civil society and scientific research**
Ms. Heidrun Mollenkopf, AGE Platform Europe
Mr. Kai Leichsenring, European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research

High-level panel

- 9:40 – 11:00 **High-level panel discussion between ministers and civil society representatives**
Joining forces for solidarity and equal opportunities throughout life: building forward on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic

Introduction & Moderator:

Dr. Debra Whitman, Executive Vice President and Chief Public Policy Officer, AARP, United States of America

Panellists:

Representatives of international organisations:

Ms. Dubravka Šuica, Vice-President of the European Commission for Democracy and Demography (video message)

Dr. Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, Director of the Division of Country Health Policies and Systems, WHO Regional Office for Europe

Government representatives:

Mr. Pierpaolo Sileri, Undersecretary of State for Health of Italy

Ms. Lisa Paus, Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth of Germany

NGO representatives:

Mr. Maciej Kucharczyk, Secretary General, AGE Platform Europe

Ms. María Rodríguez Alcázar, Board Member, European Youth Forum

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10:45 – 11:15 **Press Conference**

Ms. Elena Bonetti, Minister for Equal Opportunities and Family of Italy
Mr. Andrea Orlando, Minister of Labour and Social Policies of Italy
Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary of UNECE

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:20 – 11:30 Group photo of the Heads of Delegations

Ministerial roundtables

11:30 – 13:00 **First Ministerial Roundtable**
Ensuring access to long-term care and support for carers and families

Introduction & Moderator: Vice-Chair of the Conference
Ms. Signe Riisalo, Minister of Social Protection of Estonia

Opening interventions:

Mr. Edwin Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging, Administration for Community Living, United States Department of Health and Human Services
Mr. Jo'Etienne Abela, Minister for Active Ageing of Malta
Ms. Nathalie Barthoulot, Minister of the Canton of Jura, President of the Swiss Conference of Cantonal Ministers of Social Affairs (CDAS)
Ms. Derya Yanik, Minister of Family and Social Services of Türkiye

Roundtable discussion of ministers and heads of delegation

Rapporteur:

Ms. Amal Abou Rafeh, Chief of the Programme on Ageing Section, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

13:00 – 15:00 **Lunch Break**

13:30 – 14:45 **Parallel side events**

- The coordination of ageing policies in Italy
Organised by Italy
- MIPAA policies and human rights mechanisms
Organised by Germany, BAGSO and AGE Platform Europe
- Prevention of Elder Abuse
Organised by INPEA

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Ministerial roundtables

15:00 – 16:30

Second Ministerial Roundtable

Mainstreaming ageing to advance a society for all ages

Introduction & Moderator: Vice-Chair of the Conference

Ms. Ana Mendes Godinho, Minister for Labour, Solidarity and Social Security of Portugal

Opening interventions:

Mr. Marcel Spatari, Minister of Labor and Social Protection of the Republic of Moldova

Ms. Darija Kisić Tepavčević, Minister of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs of Serbia

Mr. Guy Opperman, Minister for Pensions and Financial Inclusion of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Mr. Anar Aliyev, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Roundtable discussion of ministers and heads of delegation

Rapporteur:

Ms. Marta Diavolova, Deputy Regional Director a.i., UNFPA Eastern Europe and Central Asia Regional Office

Plenary Session

16:30 – 16:55

Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration

Stating the priorities for further implementation of the UNECE MIPAA/RIS

Ms. Elena Bonetti, Minister for Equal Opportunities and Family of Italy

Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary of UNECE

From regional to global review of MIPAA in 2023

Ms. Daniela Bas, Director of Division for Inclusive Social Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

16:55 – 17:00

Closing

Ms. Ilaria Antonini, Head of the Department for family policies of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers of Italy