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**Programme of work for 2023 and recommendations on  
key components of the programme of work for 2024****Outline of key components of the programme of work of the  
Population component of the Housing, Land Management  
and Population subprogramme for 2024**

Note by the Secretariat

**Introduction**

1. This document presents an outline of key components (objective, strategy and deliverables) of the programme of work of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme (“the subprogramme”) for 2024. These components are based on the subprogramme-related section of the ECE proposed programme budget for 2023, with modified or new elements highlighted in track changes. The Standing Working Group on Ageing (“SWGA”) is invited to consider this information and provide recommendations on these components, as necessary. Those modifications and/or member States’ recommendations agreed by the Committee and included in its decisions will be reflected in the proposed programme plan of the subprogramme for 2024. It will be prepared by the secretariat at the end of 2022 and included in the ECE proposed programme budget for 2024.

**Outline of key components of the programme of work****I. Objective**

2. The objective, to which the subprogramme contributes, is to strengthen member State-owned and city-level programmes and policies promoting decent, adequate, affordable, energy-efficient and healthy housing for all, smart sustainable cities, sustainable urban development and land management, and to advance evidence-based population and social cohesion policies.

## II. Strategy

3. The responsibility for the Population component of the subprogramme is vested in the Statistical Division.

4. The strategy of the subprogramme is based on the implementation of the core interlinked functions, namely, international policy dialogue, normative work and capacity-building and the sharing of best practices and lessons learned in all areas of the subprogramme's work.

5. To contribute to the objective, the population component of the subprogramme will:

a) Continue to facilitate cooperation between member States, regional agencies and other partners;

b) Support national and regional review and follow-up activities to assess progress in implementing the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy by providing a platform for intergovernmental policy debate on matters related to mainstreaming ageing, and facilitate communication with a wider network of experts and non-governmental organizations;

c) Coordinate data collection on active ageing indicators and policy-oriented research on ageing and intergenerational and gender relations to support evidence-based policymaking and the monitoring of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy;

d) Support the development of national capacities for policy formulation through policy seminars, policy briefs and the showcasing of good practices from member States;

e) Assess lessons learned and strengthen the capacity of member States in terms of preparedness and emergency response to mitigate the risks for older persons, in particular older persons in vulnerable situations, and uphold their rights and dignity beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.

6. The above-mentioned work in the thematic area of population is expected to result in:

(a) Demonstrated progress by member States in mainstreaming ageing across all policy fields and governance levels;

(b) Enhanced capacities of member States with regard to designing and implementing integrated policies for active and healthy ageing;

(c) Policy approaches adopted by member States that advance the rights and dignity of older persons and their contribution to a sustainable and inclusive society for all ages;

(d) The design and implementation by member States of national and regional emergency responses, including to the COVID-19 pandemic, that include more prominent considerations for older persons.

### III. Deliverables to be implemented in 2024

7. The below table provides an outline of deliverables that are expected to contribute to the attainment of the objective stated above.

<i>Deliverables</i>	<i>2023 planned</i>	<i>2024 planned</i>
<b>A. Facilitation of the intergovernmental process and expert bodies:</b>		
<b>Parliamentary documentation (number of documents)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>
1. Documentation for the Standing Working Group on Ageing	5	5
2. Documentation for the regional conference on population and development issues	2	-
<b>Substantive services for meetings (number of three-hour meetings)</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>
3. Meetings of the Standing Working Group on Ageing and its Bureau	9	9
4. Meetings of the regional conference on population and development issues	4	-
<b>B. Generation and transfer of knowledge:</b>		
<b>Field and technical cooperation projects (number of projects)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
5. Road map for mainstreaming ageing project for a specific country	1	1
<b>Seminars, workshops and training events (number of days)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
6. Workshops and policy seminars on population ageing issues for policymakers, experts, practitioners and other stakeholders in countries of the ECE region	2	1
<b>Publications (number of publications)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
7. Publication on population	2	2
<b>Technical materials (number of materials)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
8. Toolkit and training course material on mainstreaming ageing	2	1
<b>Fact-finding, monitoring and investigation missions (number of missions)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
9. Fact-finding missions for government officials and other stakeholders to develop national capacities in designing and implementing ageing-related policies and programmes	1	1
<b>C. Substantive deliverables:</b>		
Consultation, advice and advocacy: Generations and Gender Programme advocacy for national survey coordinators; advisory services for government officials and other stakeholders to develop national capacities in designing and implementing ageing-related policies and programmes.		
Databases and substantive digital materials: active ageing indicators data set for global access.		
<b>D. Communication deliverables:</b>		
Outreach programmes, special events and information materials: booklet of the Standing Working Group on Ageing and ageing-related side events for various stakeholders.		
External and media relations: press releases related to population activities.		
Digital platforms and multimedia content: websites related to population activities for global and regional access; Active Ageing Index wiki.		