



UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing 2017
Lisbon, from the 20th to 22nd of September

Provisional Programme

Wednesday, 20 September 2017

9:00 – 18:00 **Civil Society Forum and Research Forum** (parallel events/joint opening)

Thursday, 21 September 2017

8:00 – 9:00 **Accreditation**

8:20 – 9:00 **Side event:** Breakfast talk on Global Campaign to Combat Ageism

Plenary session

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| 9:00 – 9:20 | Opening
José António Vieira da Silva , Minister of Labour, Solidarity, and Social Security of Portugal
Olga Algayerova , Executive Secretary of the UNECE |
| 9:20 – 9:30 | Adoption of the agenda and election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs |
| 9:30 – 9:40 | <i>Assessing the human rights implications of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA)</i>
Rosa Kornfeld Matte , The Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons |
| 9:40 – 10:00 | Launch of the UNECE Synthesis Report on the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing in the UNECE region (2012-2017)
Vitalija Gaucaite Wittich , Chief of Population Unit, UNECE |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | Keynote speech
<i>Achieving a Sustainable Society for All Ages: Global goals require national and local action</i>
Heinz Koller , ILO Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee Break |
| 10:40 – 11:00 | Side event: Opening of Poster exhibition |

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Expert panels

11:00 – 12:30

Expert Panel I

Recognizing the Potential of Older Persons

The first expert panel highlights strategies to sensitize societies to the value of older persons and their potentials and to the need to promote intergenerational solidarity. Older persons' knowledge and skills stemming from life experience and professional know-how have to be explicitly recognized as a valuable resource to be used in the political, economic and social spheres for the benefit of younger generations and society at large. Particular aspects of intergenerational solidarity as the foundation of cohesive and sustainable societies of all ages will be addressed.

Introduction & Moderator:

Sarah Harper, Co-Director of the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing,
University of Oxford

Panellists:

Government Representatives/experts:

Elke Ferner, Parliamentary Secretary of State, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany

Ekaterina Antipova, Head of Department, Belarusian State University

Independent Expert/Researcher:

Ann-Kristin Boström, ENCELL - the National Centre for Lifelong Learning, Sweden

NGO Representatives:

Josh Collett, AARP, United States of America

Gulnara Minnigaleeva, Wisdom Ripening, Russian Federation

Discussion and questions from the audience

12:30 – 13:00

Remarks by Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, President of the Republic of Portugal

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch Break

13:10 – 14:20

Parallel side events/lunch panel discussion:

- Active Ageing Index: Ways to realize the potential of living longer
- Equity for all ages: Lessons from the region

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14:30 – 15:50

Expert Panel II

Encouraging Longer Working Life and Ability to Work

The second expert panel presents successful strategies and progress achieved in the increase of employment opportunities for older persons. It examines most effective incentives for employers and employees and presents models of proven age management in enterprises. Panellists are expected to discuss the lasting consequences of the economic crisis and new working conditions through advanced technologies, the so-called industry 4.0, on the employment of older persons.

Introduction & Moderator:

Stefano Scarpetta, Director of Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD

Panellists:

Government Representatives/experts:

Bjørn Halvorsen, Special Adviser, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Norway

Boris Majcen, Director, Institute for Economic Research, Slovenia

Business representative – proven age-management practice:

Delta Cafés (to be nominated)

Social partners:

Montserrat Mir Roca, European Trade Union Confederation

Nuno Biscaya, Confederation of Portuguese Business/Business Europe

Discussion and questions from the audience

15:50 – 16:20

Coffee Break

16:00 – 16:15

Side event: Better statistics for ageing



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16:20 – 17:50

Expert Panel III

Ensuring Ageing with Dignity

The third expert panel looks at effective and innovative concepts, policies and measures to empower people throughout the life cycle to lead an active and satisfactory life – in particular when growing old – and to avoid or diminish the need of assistance and care in old age. This includes appropriate conditions for ensuring social, emotional and economic security. Panellists explore services for people with poor physical or mental health that can help them accommodate their disabilities by learning or relearning the skills necessary for daily living.

Introduction & Moderator:

John Beard, Director, Ageing and Life Course Department, WHO

Panellists:

Government Representatives/ experts:

Pascal Froudiere, Deputy Head of Department, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, France

Miguel Valero Duboy, Director, State Reference Centre for Personal Autonomy and Technical Aid, IMSERSO, Spain

Independent Experts/Researchers:

Tine Rostgaard, Danish Institute for Local and Regional Government Research

José Pereira Miguel, Faculty of Medicine, University of Lisbon, Portugal

NGO Representative:

Nataša Todorović, Red Cross of Serbia

Discussion and questions from the audience

17:50 – 18:00

Closing of the first day

Main messages from the expert panels: wrapping-up

Rapporteur:

Alexandre Sidorenko, European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research



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Plenary session

- 9:00 – 9:30 **Opening of the Ministerial Segment**
José António Vieira da Silva, Minister of Labour, Solidarity, and Social Security of Portugal
António Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations (video message)
Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary of the UNECE
- 9:30 – 9:40 **Presentation of the main elements of the draft Ministerial Declaration**
Erika Winkler, Chair of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing

High-level panel

- 9:40 – 11:15 **Panel discussion between Ministers and Civil Society representatives**
Recognizing the Potential of Older Persons: Intergenerational perspective
- Introduction & Moderator:**
Mónica Ferro, Director, UNFPA Geneva office
- Panellists:**
- Ministers:*
Dolores Montserrat, Minister of Health, Social Services and Equality, Spain
Minister to be nominated
- NGO Representatives:*
Jane Barratt, Executive Director, International Federation on Ageing (IFA)
Ebbe Johansen, Vice-President, Age Platform Europe
Youth Forum representative (tbn)

10:30 – 11:15 Press Conference

José António Vieira da Silva, Minister of Labour, Solidarity, and Social Security of Portugal
Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary of the UNECE



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11:15 – 11:45 **Coffee Break**

11:15 – 11:30 Group photo of the UNECE Ministers and Heads of Delegations

11:45 – 12:00 **Presentation of the NGO Declaration and Research Community Declaration**

Dirk Jarré, President, EURAG

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

Ministerial roundtables

12:00 – 13:30 **First Ministerial Roundtable**
Encouraging Longer Working Life and Ability to Work

Keynote address:

Marianne Thyssen, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, European Union

Chair:

Stela Grigoraş, Minister of Health, Labour and Social Protection, Republic of Moldova

Opening interventions on key issues:

Martin Klöti, Minister, State Councilor of St. Gallen, Switzerland

Grigory Lekarev, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Protection, Russian Federation

Edeltraud Glettler, Director-General, Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Austria

Roundtable discussion: 3-5 minutes per intervention (ministers/heads of delegations by subscription: Belarus, Norway, Germany, Slovenia, Azerbaijan, Czech Republic,...)

Rapporteur:

Agnieszka Chłoń-Domińczak, Warsaw School of Economics



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13:30 – 15:00	Lunch Break
13:30 – 14:45	Side event: Instituto Nacional de Reabilitação (INR)
15:00 – 16:30	Second Ministerial Roundtable <i>Ensuring Ageing with Dignity</i> Introduction and Chair: Jim Daly , Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People, Ireland Opening interventions on key issues: Artem Asatryan , Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, Armenia Jānis Reirs , Minister of Welfare, Latvia (tbc) Olga Krentovska , First Deputy of the Minister of Social Policy, Ukraine Luigi Bobba , Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies, Italy <i>Roundtable discussion: 3-5 minutes per intervention (ministers/heads of delegations by subscription: Cyprus, Hungary, Austria, Slovenia, Norway,...)</i> Rapporteur: Giovanni Lamura , National Institute of Health and Science on Ageing, Italy
Plenary Session	
16:30 – 16:50	Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration Stating priorities for furthering the implementation of the UNECE RIS/MIPAA José António Vieira da Silva , Minister of Labour, Solidarity, and Social Security of Portugal Olga Algayerova , Executive Secretary of the UNECE
16:50 – 17:00	Closing Session