



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

Provisional Programme

Thursday, 21th September 2017

8:00 – 9:30	Accreditation
9:30 – 9:50	Opening Session José António Vieira da Silva, Minister of Labour, Solidarity, and Social Security of Portugal; Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary of the UNECE
9:50 – 10:10	Adoption of the agenda and election of the Chair and Vice Chair
10:10 – 10:30	Launch of the UNECE Synthesis Report on the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing in the UNECE region (2012-2017)
10:30 – 11:00	Keynote Speaker
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	Expert Panel <i>Recognizing the Potential of Older Persons</i> 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.
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 16:00	Expert Panel <i>Encouraging Longer Working Life and Ability to Work</i> 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.



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16:00 – 16:30

Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:00

Expert Panel

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.

18:00

Closing of the first day

Time and place to be confirmed: **Side events**



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9:00 – 9:30	Opening session of the Ministerial Segment José António Vieira da Silva, Minister of Labour, Solidarity, and Social Security of Portugal; Christian Friis Bach, 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
9:40 – 11:15	Panel discussion between Ministers and Civil Society representatives <i>Recognizing the Potential of Older Persons: Intergenerational perspective</i>
10:30 – 11:15	Press Conference José António Vieira da Silva, Minister of Labour, Solidarity, and Social Security of Portugal; Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary of the UNECE
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee Break
11:45 – 12:00	Presentation of the NGO Declaration and Research Community Declaration
12:00 – 13:30	First Ministerial Panel <i>Encouraging Longer Working Life and Ability to Work</i>
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch Break
13:30 – 13:45	Family photo of the UNECE Ministers and Heads of Delegations
15:00 – 16:30	Second Ministerial Panel <i>Ensuring Ageing with Dignity</i>
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; Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary of the UNECE
16:50 – 17:00	Closing Session