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Division for Social Policy and Development

**Commission for Social Development  
Fifty-sixth session**



**Draft Concept Note**

**High-level panel discussion on the  
High-level panel discussion on “The third Review and Appraisal of the Madrid Plan of  
Action on Ageing”**

Wednesday, 31 January 2018, 10:00am – 1:00 pm  
United Nations headquarters, New York  
Conference Room 4

**Background**

Following the adoption of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing by the General Assembly as an outcome of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, 2002 in which the Commission for Social Development was charged with the follow-up and appraisal of its implementation, the Commission decided to review the Plan of Action every five years.

At its forty-first session in 2003, the Commission agreed to adopt a bottom-up narrative approach for the review and appraisal. In its resolution 44/1 the Commission invited all major stakeholders, including civil society, to participate in the review and appraisal. Regional Commissions were tasked with organizing and facilitating the review and appraisal process, to include activities and events with Member States. The Secretary-General was requested to submit reports to the Commission that summarize the conclusions of the regional review processes and that identify prevalent and emerging issues and related policy options.

At its forty-fifth session in 2007, the Commission invited Governments and other major stakeholders to organize, during its forty-sixth session in 2008, parallel and satellite events, including panel discussions, seminars and round tables, to explore the findings of the first review and appraisal exercise and to promote future priorities for implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action. A high-level panel discussion took place at the forty-sixth session of the Commission to present regional outcomes of the review process.

The second and third review and appraisal exercises have continued to follow the same process with a high-level panel taking place at the fifty-first session of the Commission in 2013. The proposed high-level panel to be held in 2018 at the fifty-sixth session, will present the outcomes of the third review and appraisal process under the auspices of the Regional Commissions as well as highlight the focus for policy action over the next five years for the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action and regional strategies.

The report of the Secretary-General, “Third review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002” which provides an overview summary of regional outcomes will be issued before the Commission session.

## **1. Objectives**

The panel discussion, while highlighting the progress and gaps in implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action on Ageing at the regional level, with illustrations of best practice policy, will also highlight the how the Plan of Action can contribute to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals at the national, regional and international levels.

The panel discussion will facilitate the open exchange of ideas that are strategically important for the successful implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA), and for the Commission’s role in this regard. Its overall objective at the fifty-sixth session is to discuss, with a note by the Secretariat on Emerging Issues and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development setting the background and drawing on the insights of experts, how social policies and strategies can accelerate the realization of the vision of the MIPAA and the enjoyment of older persons’ human rights, as well how the MIPAA and the 2030 Agenda can be mutually reinforcing for the benefit of both older persons and the aims of sustainable development.

Specifically, the panel aims to:

- 1) Identify opportunities and challenges for further implementation of the MIPA;
- 2) Explore how laws and policies aimed at enshrining and respecting the human rights of older persons can advance implementation of the MIPAA, including through the exchange of good practices and lessons learned;
- 3) Explore how the Member States and the Commission can create synergies between the MIPAA and the SDGs to enhance the well-being and the rights of older persons as well their role in advancing sustainable development for all.

## **2. Structure and format of the panel discussion**

The Chair of the Commission will open the meeting with brief remarks and introduce the moderator, who will conduct the interactive panel discussion.

The panel will be comprised of five panelists nominated by Regional Commissions and a moderator. The moderator will set the stage and stimulate an interactive discussion among the panelists and participants of the Commission.

## **3. Guiding questions**

The Commission for Social Development may wish to consider the following questions in its deliberations on the emerging issue at its fifty-sixth session:

## **TBD in consultation with Regional Commissions**

The outcomes of the discussions will be reflected in the Chair's summary.

### **4. Time allocation**

<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Suggested speaking time</b>
Chair: Opening remarks	2 minutes
Moderator: introduction/context-setting	5 minutes
Panellists (5): Presentations	5 - 10 minutes per panellist
Moderated interactive discussion	Interventions limited to 3 minutes, followed by responses from panellists.
Concluding remarks by moderator	5 minutes
Closing by the Chair	
	Total duration: 3 hours