

MIPAA 2nd Review and Appraisal in Africa

Interactive Training Workshop

UNDESA-ECA Partnership

Concept Note

Bases for action

The 46th session of the Commission for Social Development (9-18 February 2011) draft resolution to ECOSOC requested the UN system to support Member States in their national efforts to undertake the 2nd review and appraisal of MIPAA by providing technical assistance for capacity building. The resolution encourages the regional commissions to continue to facilitate the review and appraisal exercise at the regional level including consultation with relevant regional bodies, and through networking and sharing of information and experiences, providing advice to governments, analyzing main findings, identifying best practices and suggesting policy responses by 2012.

The same resolution requested member States to identify actions they have taken since the first review and appraisal in 2007 and to present their findings to the regional commissions by 2012. Also the resolution has encouraged each member state to strengthen its national coordinating bodies and mechanisms to facilitate the implementation of MIPAA, and its period review and appraisal. Each member state is free to identify the activities it intends to review.

The first review and appraisal of MIPAA in Africa was undertaken by ECA in partnership with DESA, AUC and HelpAge. The review shows that increasing number of older persons in Africa requires partnership and collaboration among public, civil society and private sector to effectively integrate them in the development process. The countries identified several priorities for future actions. Most important is to strengthen institutional capacities for managing the multiple challenges of ageing; support public-private partnership for intensifying interventions; collect more data and conduct research and analyses to inform policy and program formulation and implementation.

Based on the recommendations mentioned above, this concept note provides objectives, expected outcomes and resources for organizing interactive training workshop to support national and regional capacities for implementation of MIPAA in Africa.

Objectives and Indicators of Purpose and objectives of the workshop

A.1 Developmental Objective: The main developmental objective of this workshop is to promote the capacity of Members States in Africa to implement, review and appraise MIPAA.

A.2 Indicators of Achievement:

A.2a. Number of national policy makers trained

A.2b. Workshop report

A.2c. Training tools (manuals, documentation of best practices, etc.)

A.2d. Country papers submitted to the workshop

Target group

The workshop will target policy makers and development planners engaged in ageing programs and activities at the country level. They will be selected from 20 countries: Senegal, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mauritius, Republic of South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Egypt, The Sudan, Kenya, Botswana, Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria, Nigeria, Zambia, Mali, and Malawi. Each of these 20 countries will be officially invited to send trainees.

Partners

The workshop will be conducted in partnership between UNDESA and ECA. The two organizations will jointly administer the workshop and share its responsibilities and outcomes. UNDESA will provide funds and training material and tools. Also, UNDESA will provide experts for conducting the training component of the workshop. ECA will contact the countries invite them to participate in the workshop. It will prepare guidelines for the country papers, provide administrative and support staff, and conference facilities.

The two partners will seek AUC and HelpAge participation and support to the training workshop.

Implementation Strategy

The workshop will be conducted interactively with policy makers from a selected number of countries in Africa (Suggest 20 countries). It will involve a two-way process whereby the participants will receive training and at the same time contribute knowledge and information on the MIPAA process in their countries. The training side will consist of tools for implementation of MIPAA at the national level, and the methodologies for undertaking national and regional reviews and appraisals. It will include best practices and methods of integrating ageing issues and concerns in national development plans and strategies.

The trainees will be required to submit and deliver at the workshop papers on ageing policies, institutions and activities in their countries. The strategy here is to share

knowledge, information and lessons of experience on ageing in the selected countries. These submissions will furnish a data base for comparative analyses and to be used for the preparation of the regional review report on the implementation of MIPAA in Africa.

Workshop activities will be supported with data and information on ageing collected from 43 countries in Africa as part of the ICPD+15 regional review undertaken 2009 by ECA. These include country reports that provide analyses of ageing issues and concerns as part of the ICPD program of Action, and qualitative and quantitative responses to questionnaires.