20 Years Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA)
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Chair
NGO Committee on Ageing Vienna
Greeting

Greg Shaw
Director, International & Corporate Relations
International Federation on Ageing
Welcome & Moderation
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Alexandre Sidorenko  
*Head of the UN Programme on Ageing 1988-2009*

*From Vienna to Madrid: The Role of the UN Programme on Ageing*
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Alexandre Sidorenko
From Vienna to Madrid

…via New York City
On December 14, 1990 the United Nations General Assembly voted to establish October 1 as the International Day of Older Persons (Resolution 45/106). The holiday was observed for the first time on October 1, 1991.
The decision to hold the Assembly was taken by the UN General Assembly-33 in 1978: The Assembly on the Elderly

In 1980 (GA-35), the name of the Assembly was changed to the World Assembly on Ageing “in view of the interrelatedness of the issues of ageing individuals and the ageing of populations”

In 1981, at GA-36, it was decided “that the World Assembly on Aging will be held in Vienna from 26 July to 6 August 1982” – 11 days! Plus two days of pre-congress consultations! (Second World Assembly: 5 days+...)
“Areas of concern to ageing individuals”:

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Quadrennial Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the Vienna International Plan of Action on Ageing

1985: First Review & Appraisal:
“…limited progress in improving the living conditions of [older persons]…”

1989: Second Review & Appraisal:
“…little progress…”

1993: Third Review & Appraisal
“…daunting task.”

1997: Fourth Review & Appraisal
“…minimal response…”
What prevented governments from progressing in the implementation of the Vienna Plan of Action on Ageing?
Obstacles in implementing the Vienna Plan of Action

- Lack of funds
- Low priority of ageing
- Shortage of staff
- Lack of knowledge

Opinions of Member States (2000) about the format of the Vienna Plan of Action:

- Helpful: 72%
- To be changed: 18%
- No opinion: 10%

Source: UN PROGRAMME ON AGEING, 2000-2001
Towards a society for all ages

International Year of Older Persons 1999

Situation of older persons

- Older persons – agents & beneficiaries of development

Lifelong individual development

- foresight and self-reliance

Four dimensions of a SOCIETY FOR ALL AGES

Multigenerational relationships

- independence and interdependence

Interrelationship of ageing and development

- adjustments in a changing world
Deciding of Madrid Assembly…

14. Decides to entrust the Commission for Social Development with the revision of the International Plan of Action on Ageing and the elaboration of a long-term strategy on ageing, based on new developments since 1982 and on the experience of the International Year of Older Persons in 1999, with a view to the adoption of a revised plan of action and of a long-term strategy on ageing in 2002.

1. Decides to convene the Second World Assembly on Ageing in 2002, on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the first World Assembly on Ageing held at Vienna, to be devoted to the overall review of the outcome of the first World Assembly, as well as to the adoption of a revised plan of action and a long-term strategy on ageing, encompassing its periodic reviews, in the context of a society for all ages.

3. Accepts the offer of the Government of Spain to host the Second World Assembly on Ageing, and decides that the Second World Assembly shall be held in Spain in April 2002.
From Madrid to...?

Thank you
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Erika Winkler
Chair of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing 2010-2017

Austrian Initiative to Establish an UNECE Standing Working Group on Ageing
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Dirk Jarré
President of the European Federation of Older Persons

Learning from Experience: The Role of NGOs and the Way Forward
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Frances Zainoeddin
Vice Chair of the NGO Committee on Ageing New York

MIPAA and What Else for Older Persons?
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Sustainability of the Intergovernmental Work on Ageing
Sustainability of the Intergovernmental Work on Ageing from an ad-hoc to a Standing Working Group on Ageing (SWGA)

Vitalija Gaucaite Wittich
Secretary to the SWGA
MIPAA implementation reviews

Number of countries participating in the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action, by cycle and regional commission

Source: Modalities for the fourth review and appraisal of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 (E/CN.5/2020/4)
Task Force, Open-ended WGA, Expert Group on Ageing

Working Group on Ageing
established in 2008

Standing Working Group on Ageing as of 2020

SWGA meets annually,
the Bureau – twice a year

Members: National focal points
NGOs, researchers, International organizations
The Standing Working Group on Ageing

Objective: Realize the potential of living longer

- Works towards improving policymaking in accordance with MIPAA/RIS and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

- In 2018-2022, focuses on the priorities outlined in 2017 Lisbon Ministerial Declaration and SDGs (1,3,4,5,8,10,11,16,17).

- Works towards integrating population ageing and MIPAA with the 2030 Agenda and other relevant global programmes and platforms of action.
# Main Activities 2020

- **International cooperation, exchange of experience and policy discussion**
  - Policy seminars
  - Policy briefs

- **Guidelines and policy recommendations, advisory services and capacity-building**
  - Road Maps
  - Task Force on mainstreaming ageing / Guidelines on mainstreaming ageing

- **Monitoring and strengthening evidence base**
Policy Seminars on Ageing

2020 - Older persons in emergency situations: lessons learned from COVID-19 pandemic

- In depth discussion, experience exchange and peer learning
- Understanding of the ageism experienced and the challenges and needs of LTC service recipients and providers during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- New insights on inclusive policy measures to ensure older persons’ dignity and participation in emergencies

(inputs from: Austria, Canada, Finland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Netherlands, Portugal, Serbia; WHO Europe, LTC Network, NGO Committee on Ageing)

2019 - Informal care for persons with dementia

2018 - Ageing and the SDGs
Sharing of policy strategies and good practice

- **2019**
  “Combating Ageism in the World of Work”  
  (No. 21, February 2019)
  “The challenging roles of informal carers”  
  (No. 22, September 2019)

- **2020**
  “Gender Equality in Ageing Societies” - marking the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action
  “Ageing in Sustainable and Smart Cities” - to be launched at the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
  “Older persons in emergency situations”.
Guidelines for Mainstreaming Ageing

Capacity building

- **2019-2020**

  Task Force on Mainstreaming Ageing
  - Developed a stocktaking questionnaire
  - Collected 23 country notes from member States

Development of Guidelines
- Draft for consultation with member States & experts (July-mid-September 2020)
- To be presented to the SWGA in November 2020
- Launch in 2021 - Portugal’s presidency of Council of the EU, side event at OEWG-A
Mobilizing support for the SWGA work programme in 2020–2022

Active involvement, in-kind & financial support:

- **Active participation in SWGA work**
- **Countries** hosting seminars and Bureau meetings & translating policy briefs into national languages
- **Countries - Donors** to the ‘Ageing – phase III’ fund for the WGA programme in 2020-2022
- **All partners**: ILO, ISSA, OHCHR, UNFPA, WHO, and the NGO Committee on Ageing
- **UNECE secretariat**
Thank you!

Vitalija Gaucaite Wittich
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12 November 2020
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Christoph Angster
Austrian representative at the OEWG-A

Synergies of the MIPAA Network and the OEWG-A
Synergies between the SWGA & OEWGA

Christoph Angster
BMSGPK
Vienna, 12 November 2020
Synergies between the SWGA & OEWGA

• Information exchange
  – The SWGA & OEWGA want to improve the situation for older persons
  – The Human Rights approach focus on the basic legal needs, the bottom line of everybody's rights. It does not aim to suggest in depth policy directions.
  – On the other side, MIPAA and the RIS (*Lisbon Ministerial Declaration*) can go a step further than the HR approach and focus on policy principles & recommendations
Synergies between the SWGA & OEWGA

• Presence at the annual conferences in April/May & November
  – Install an open communication between the representatives at the SWGA and the OEWGA

• Side events at the annual conferences
  – If possible side events should be organized at both events, to offer the chance common dicussions
  – Invite keypersons like the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons or the chair of the SWGA
Synergies between the SWGA & OEWGA

• 75th Session of the Third Committee
  - Reafirmation of MiPAA also in context with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
  - Identify possible gaps & how best to adress them
    - Age discrimination
    - Neglect
    - Abuse & violence
    - Social isolation & loneliness
    - Access to food & housing
    - Access to health care services
    - Access to employment
    - Access to legal capacities & justice
Synergies between the SWGA & OEWGA

- 75th Session of the Third Committee
  - Appreciation of close coordination b/w all UN Entities, while avoiding unnecessary duplications
  - Strengthen existing networks of national focal points on ageing
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Workcycle of the OEWGA

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Developments at the OEWGA

- Last annual meeting in 2020 was postponed
  - New date is not yet confirmed
  - Finalization of an OHCHR Study on Normative Gaps in the existing HR Legislation
  - In this regard it would be highly interesting to learn about the UNECE’s position on such a document
Thank you for your attention!

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News from UN Regarding 20 Years MIPAA and the Way Forward