UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing

Side events

Friday, 17 June 2022

13:30 – 14:45 **The coordination of ageing policies in Italy**

Organised by Italy

Location: ORANGE room (floor -1)

The side event is aimed at discussing current issues concerning the development of a national ageing strategy in Italy in the following years. The discussion will highlight the opportunity to implement a whole-of-government and a whole-of-society approach, in order to succesfully mainstream ageing issues in all public policies, both at national and local level.The experience of the project "National multilevel co-managed coordination of active ageing policies in Italy" and the proposals from the "Pact for a new Welfare" will represent interesting cases in this regard.

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

Introduction:
Ms. Fabrizia Lattanzio, Scientific Director of the National Institute of Health and Sciences on Ageing (INRCA), Italy
Ms. Valentina Cardinali, National Institute for Public Policy Analysis (INAPP), Italy
Ms. Paola Taverna, Vice President of the Senate of the Italian Republic

Panellists:
Mr. Pietro Checcucci, National Institute for Public Policy Analysis (INAPP), Italy
Mr. Andrea Principi, National Institute of Health and Sciences on Ageing (INRCA), Italy
Mr. Cristiano Gori, University of Trento

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

13:30 – 14:45   **MIPAA policies and human rights mechanisms**

Organised by Germany, BAGSO and AGE Platform Europe

Location: SPALATO room (floor -1)

The adoption of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) was an important milestone for ageing policy worldwide. Soon after, however, it was recognised that a non-binding instrument does not sufficiently protect the human rights of older persons. Within this context, the General Assembly decided in Resolution 65/182 in December 2010 to establish an open-ended working group "for the purpose of strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons (…)". In parallel to the work of the Open-Ended Working Group, which met for the twelfth session in April 2022, other international processes also address the wellbeing and human rights of older persons.

This side event will explore:
- How can these processes better build on each other?
- Which achievements can be celebrated so far?
- What are the biggest challenges at international level to advance the human rights in older age?
- How can older persons' participation be given more value and how can the understanding of the need to protect human rights of older persons be increased?

Moderator:
Ms. Ina Voelcker, BAGSO

Introduction:
Ms. Lisa Warth, Population Affairs Officer, Population Unit, UNECE
Ms. Amal Abou Rafeh, Chief of the Programme on Ageing Section, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Panellists:
Ms. Lisa Paus, Minister of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth of Germany
Mr. Marcel Spatari, Minister of Labor and Social Protection of the Republic of Moldova
Ms. Laura Baldassarre, Secretary General of the Italian Ministerial Committee for Human Rights at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Mr. Maciej Kucharczyk, Secretary General, AGE Platform Europe
Mr. Kiran Rabheru, Chair of the Steering Group of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People (GAROP)

| 13:30 – 14:45 | **Combatting Elder Abuse: What's next? Five priorities for the Decade** |

Organised by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA)

Location: POLA room (floor -1)

The World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD), designated as 15 June, was initiated by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) in 2006, and recognized as a United Nations Day by the General Assembly in its resolution A/RES/66/127 adopted in 2011.

According to WHO estimates, 1 in 6 people over 60 years of age suffers from abuse. That means nearly 141 million people globally. This number may be much higher as neglect, abuse and violence against older people are among the most hidden and underrepresented violations of human rights.

The side event will present overall trends of violence against older persons, and highlight continuing gaps in, and challenges to, the implementation of relevant objectives in MIPAA. It will explore the need for a new international legal instrument to address these gaps and challenges, to ensure that investing in social policies with a view to facilitating the full realization of the right to development will advance not only the implementation MIPAA, but also the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. Expert panellists will also present five priorities to combat violence against older persons in the Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021-2030), which have been selected on the basis of extensive consultations with experts and stakeholder in the field and a careful review of the evidence.

Moderator:
Mr. Alexandre Sidorenko, Senior Advisor at the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research International Tutor, International Institute on Ageing

Opening remarks:
Ms. Susan Somers, President of INPEA

Panellists:
Mr. Yongjie Yon, Technical Officer, WHO Regional Office for Europe
Ms. Natasa Todorovic, Health and Care Program Manager, Red Cross of Serbia and INPEA representative
Ms. Amal Abou Rafeh, Chief of the Programme on Ageing Section, UN DESA
Mr. Christopher Mikton, Technical Officer, Demographic Change and Healthy Ageing, WHO

Closing remarks:
Ms. Claudia Mahler, Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons *(tbc)*