

## UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing

### Provisional programme

**Thursday, 16 June 2022**

7:45 – 19:00      **Accreditation**

#### *Plenary session*

9:30 – 9:50

#### **Opening**

**Ms. Elena Bonetti**, Minister for Equal Opportunities and Family of Italy

**Dr. Zsuzsanna Jakab**, Deputy Director-General of WHO (video message)

**Ms. Olga Algayerova**, Executive Secretary of UNECE

9:50 – 10:00

#### **Adoption of the agenda and election of the Chair and Vice-Chair(s)**

10:00 – 10:15

#### **Launch of MIPAA+20 Report and the UNECE Synthesis Report**

on the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing  
in the UNECE region (2017-2022)

**Ms. Vitalija Gaucaite Wittich**, Chief of Population Unit, UNECE

10:15 – 10:40

#### **Member States' interventions on national progress towards**

**the implementation of MIPAA/RIS (5-6 countries, by subscription)**

10:40 – 11:00

#### **Keynote speech**

*Priorities for ageing policies in the UNECE Region*

**Mr. Alexandre Sidorenko**, Senior Advisor, European Centre for Social Welfare Policy  
and Research

11:00 – 11:30

#### *Coffee Break*

11:10 – 11:25

#### **Side event**

- Opening of Poster exhibition (for the duration of the Conference)  
*Opened by Ms. Elena Bonetti, Minister for Equal Opportunities and Family of Italy*

## Expert panels

11:30 – 12:45

### Expert Panel I

#### *Promoting active and healthy ageing throughout life*

The first expert panel will discuss key elements of a life-course approach to active and healthy ageing across policy sectors. It will cover progress in combatting ageism, promoting lifelong learning, age-friendly employment and health promotion. Emphasis will also be put on the inclusion of older persons through the creation of safe and enabling environments - digital, social and physical - that foster participation in the economy and society throughout life, including when functional capacity declines.

#### **Introduction & Moderator:**

**Ms. Norah Keating**, Director, Global Social Issues on Ageing, International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics

#### **Panellists:**

*Government representatives:*

**Ms. Elena Bonetti**, Minister for Equal Opportunities and Family of Italy

**Ms. Christie Morreale**, Vice-President of the Walloon Government, Minister for Employment, Training, Health, Social Action, Equal Opportunities and Women's Rights

**Mr. Dan Juvan**, State Secretary of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of Slovenia

*NGO/private sector representatives:*

**Mr. Kiran Rabheru**, Chair of the Steering Group of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People (GAROP)

**Dr. Arno Elmer**, Managing Director, BeHome, Germany

#### **Discussion and questions from the audience**

12:45 – 14:30

### *Lunch break*

13:15 – 14:15

### **Parallel side events**

- Towards age-responsive crisis management: what we have learned from the COVID pandemic  
*Organised by Austria*
- Rights, health and dignity: Strengthening demographic resilience by harnessing the opportunities that come with population ageing  
*Organised by Bulgaria, Georgia and UNFPA*
- Preventing the loss of autonomy: for a better cooperation on the issue of falls of senior citizens  
*Organised by France, Italy and Switzerland*

## Expert panels

14:30 – 15:45

### Expert Panel II

#### *Ensuring access to long-term care and support for carers and families*

The second expert panel will present successful strategies and progress achieved in ensuring access to high-quality long-term care and palliative care in ageing societies. It will examine national strategies and experiences in the provision of long-term care, including at home and within the community, as well as the long-term sustainability and resource needs of long-term care systems. The panel will also address the human rights, dignity and self-determination of older persons in long-term care settings, and the concerns raised and lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic. Panellists are further expected to discuss the support provided by ECE member States to families and informal caregivers, such as adaptations to social protection systems, measures aimed at reconciling employment and care work, and strategies to promote the equal sharing of informal care between women and men.

#### **Introduction & Moderator:**

**Ms. Francesca Colombo**, Head of the Health Division, OECD

#### **Panellists:**

##### *Government representatives/experts:*

**Mr. Ernst van Koesveld**, Vice-minister for Long Term Care at the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport of the Netherlands

**Mons. Vincenzo Paglia**, President of the Commission for the Reform of Healthcare and Socio-medical assistance for the Older Population of Italy

##### *Independent expert/member of international organization:*

**Ms. Claudia Mahler**, UN Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons

##### *NGO representatives:*

**Ms. Maria Petkova**, Director, Tulip Foundation, Bulgaria

**Mr. Stecy Yghemonos**, Director, Eurocarers

#### **Discussion and questions from the audience**

15:45 – 16:15

### Coffee break

15:50 – 16:10

### Side event

- Implementation of the United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing  
*Organised by WHO*

## Expert panels

16:15 – 17:30

### Expert Panel III

#### *Mainstreaming ageing to advance a society for all ages*

The third expert panel will discuss the need for a systematic integration of ageing issues across all policy fields and at all levels of government. It will look at examples of mainstreaming ageing at the national, regional and local levels. This includes an exploration of the twin-track approach to mainstreaming, considering ageing both from a societal and individual perspective, a discussion of the whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches to policy making, as well as an examination of the links between mainstreaming ageing and sustainable development.

#### **Introduction & Moderator:**

**Mr. Edmundo Martinho**, Chair of the UNECE Standing Working Group on Ageing

#### **Panellists:**

*Government representatives/experts:*

**Ms. Mary Butler**, Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People of Ireland

**Ms. Annette Gibbons**, Associate Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development  
Canada

**Ms. Nathalie Barthoulot**, Minister of the Canton of Jura, President of the Swiss Conference  
of Cantonal Ministers of Social Affairs (CDAS)

*Independent expert/researcher:*

**Ms. Liat Ayalon**, Professor at the School of Social Work, Bar Ilan University, Israel

*NGO representatives:*

**Ms. Tatiana Sorocan**, Country Director for HelpAge International Moldova

#### **Discussion and questions from the audience**

17:30 – 17:45

### Closing of the first day

*Main messages from the expert panels: wrapping-up*

#### **Rapporteur:**

**Mr. Kai Leichsenring**, Executive Director, European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and  
Research

20:00

### Official dinner

Location: Le Quattro Stagioni Restaurant, Ergife Palace Hotel & Conference Center