



Economic Commission for Europe**Standing Working Group on Ageing****Seventeenth meeting**

Geneva, 20–22 November 2024

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**Annotated provisional agenda for the seventeenth meeting****To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, beginning on Wednesday,
20 November 2024 at 10 a.m.*****I. Provisional agenda**

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Work of the Bureau.
4. International events and initiatives on ageing and follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
5. Progress towards the goals of the 2022 Rome Ministerial Declaration.
6. Programme of work of the Standing Working Group on Ageing: implementation in 2024 and plans for 2025:
 - (a) Raising awareness on ageing and its implications for sustainable development and creating synergies with related policy agendas;
 - (b) International cooperation and exchange of experience and knowledge:
 - (i) Policy briefs;
 - (ii) In-depth policy discussion;
 - (iii) Policy dialogues on ageing;
 - (iv) Peer learning;
 - (c) Guidelines and policy recommendations, advisory services, and capacity-building:
 - (i) Capacity development on mainstreaming ageing;

* All related documents and the registration link for this meeting will be made available on the meeting web page <https://unece.org/population/events/seventeenth-meeting-standing-working-group-ageing>. Delegates attending the meeting are required to register online.



- (ii) Road maps for mainstreaming ageing;
 - (d) Monitoring the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy and strengthening the evidence base for policymaking:
 - (i) Ageing-related and age-disaggregated data;
 - (ii) Quantitative Monitoring Framework;
 - (iii) Generations and Gender Programme;
 - (iv) Ageing Policies Database.
7. Updating the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing.
 8. Preparing the fifth review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy.
 9. Programme of work for 2025 and Outline of key components of the programme of work for 2026.
 10. Financing of the programme of work.
 11. Other business and summary of decisions.
 12. In-depth policy discussion.
 13. Conclusions and closing of the meeting.

II. Annotations

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

The Chair of the Standing Working Group on Ageing (SWGA) will open the seventeenth meeting. SWGA will then be invited to adopt the agenda as set out in the present document (ECE/WG.1/2024/1).

Documentation: Annotated provisional agenda for the seventeenth meeting (ECE/WG.1/2024/1)

2. Election of officers

According to the Terms of Reference of SWGA based on the Guidelines on procedures and practices for ECE bodies, the Bureau is elected for a two-year period with a possibility of Bureau members to serve for three consecutive terms. Following the call for nominations to the Bureau, member States are invited to submit nominations of their candidates to the Secretariat in advance of the meeting. The list of nominees will be circulated by email in advance of the meeting.

3. Work of the Bureau

In the course of 2024, the Bureau worked by means of electronic consultations and online meetings in addition to its sixteenth meeting held in Rome, Italy, on 22 and 23 April 2024. The Chair will brief SWGA on the work of the Bureau.

During 2024, the Bureau worked with the Secretariat to develop draft terms of reference for National Focal Points on Ageing which were shared with SWGA for comments. The Chair will present the terms of reference. SWGA will be invited to adopt the draft terms of reference as contained in document ECE/WG.1/2024/INF.1.

Documentation: Report on the sixteenth meeting of the Bureau of the Standing Working Group on Ageing (ECE/WG.1/2024/3)

Draft terms of reference for National Focal Points on Ageing
(ECE/WG.1/2024/INF.1)

4. International events and initiatives on ageing and follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Members of SWGA will be briefed on relevant international events and initiatives in 2024 and 2025. Briefings will include the Summit of the Future, the Second World Summit for Social Development, outcomes of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Population and Development, the Regional and High-level Political Forum for Sustainable Development, outcomes of the fourteenth session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, the Beijing+30 regional review meeting, activities by the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons, updates on relevant activities by the European Commission and activities under the United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing.

5. Progress towards the goals of the 2022 Rome Ministerial Declaration

SWGA members will be invited to share new policy developments and plans responding to the goals of the 2022 Rome Ministerial Declaration. The presentations will be followed by discussion.

6. Programme of work of the Standing Working Group on Ageing: implementation in 2024 and plans for 2025

The Secretariat will present the elements of the programme of work implemented in 2024 and outline planned activities for 2025. Under this agenda item, SWGA will be invited to approve the implementation report for 2024 as contained in document ECE/WG.1/2024/4.

(a) Raising awareness on ageing and its implications for sustainable development and creating synergies with related policy agendas

Members of SWGA will be briefed on activities for raising awareness on ageing and its implications for sustainable development in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) region and creating synergies with related policy agendas. Members of the group are invited to share updates on relevant awareness-raising activities with the Secretariat ahead of the meeting.

(b) International cooperation and exchange of experience and knowledge

(i) Policy briefs

The Secretariat will inform SWGA about Policy Brief No. 29 “Mental health of older persons”. SWGA members will be invited to discuss priority themes for future policy briefs and decide on the topic for Policy Brief No. 30.

Documentation: Policy Brief on Ageing No. 29 (ECE/WG.1/44) and Key Messages

(ii) In-depth policy discussion

Members of the group are invited to discuss and decide on the topic for the in-depth policy discussion in 2025. Proposed topics will be circulated in advance.

(iii) Policy dialogues on ageing

The Secretariat will brief SWGA on the Policy dialogues on ageing held in 2024. Members of the group are invited to decide on the topics of the online policy discussions in 2025. Proposed topics will be circulated in advance.

(iv) *Peer learning*

Under this item, opportunities for peer learning will be discussed. Members of SWGA who wish to organize a peer-learning visit in 2025 are invited to inform the Secretariat in advance.

(c) **Guidelines and policy recommendations, advisory services, and capacity-building**

(i) *Capacity development on mainstreaming ageing*

The Secretariat will brief SWGA on capacity-development activities for mainstreaming ageing in 2024. Members of the group will be invited to give an update on trainings and workshops on ageing organized in 2024 and share plans for capacity-development activities in 2025.

(ii) *Road maps for mainstreaming ageing*

The Secretariat will inform members of SWGA about the road map project in Uzbekistan. Members of SWGA will be invited to express interest if they wish to develop a road map for mainstreaming ageing in 2025.

(d) **Monitoring the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy and strengthening the evidence base for policymaking**

(i) *Ageing-related and age-disaggregated data*

SWGA will be updated on international efforts on enhancing the collection of ageing-related and age-disaggregated data for monitoring. Furthermore, SWGA will be informed about a data needs assessment on ageing-related and age-disaggregated data conducted in 2024 in Georgia.

(ii) *Quantitative Monitoring Framework*

At its sixteenth meeting in November 2023 SWGA invited the Secretariat to explore the creation of a working group to develop a quantitative monitoring framework for MIPAA/RIS. The modalities of setting up the task force and tentative milestones for its work were further discussed by the SWGA Bureau at its sixteenth meeting in April 2024. The Bureau nominated Portugal to chair the task force and following a call for expression of interest, the task force was established in July 2024.

The Chair of the task force will inform SWGA on activities and members of SWGA will be invited to discuss and adopt the proposed terms of reference for the task force.

Documentation: Draft terms of reference of the Task force on quantitative monitoring of MIPAA/RIS (ECE/WG.1/2024/INF.2)

(iii) *Generations and Gender Programme*

SWGA will be updated on activities under the Generations and Gender Programme (GGP) in 2024. Members of the group who have used GGP to inform policymaking or are planning to fund a survey are invited to share their experience.

(iv) *Ageing Policies Database*

The Secretariat will report on progress in developing the UNECE Ageing Policies Database and outline plans for 2025.

Documentation: Implementation of the programme of work of the Standing Working Group on Ageing in 2024 (ECE/WG.1/2024/4)

7. Updating the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing

The Chair of the task force on updating RIS will inform SWGA on activities in 2024 and outline next steps in the participatory approach to updating MIPAA/RIS. Members of SWGA will be invited to share national experience in engaging national stakeholders in 2024 and plans for 2025.

Documentation: Guidance on national stakeholder engagement
(ECE/WG.1/2024/INF.3)

8. Preparing the fifth review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy

The Secretariat will brief SWGA on the preparatory process for the fifth review and appraisal of MIPAA/RIS.

Members of SWGA will be invited to discuss the modalities for the next review and guidelines for national reports in discussion groups.

Documentation: Outline of the fifth review and appraisal of MIPAA/RIS
(ECE/WG.1/2024/INF.4)

9. Programme of work for 2025 and Outline of key components of the programme of work for 2026

In line with the “Sequential review of the proposed programmes of work of ECE subprogrammes”, approved by the Executive Committee of ECE at its 115th meeting (Geneva, 5 March 2021), SWGA will be invited to adopt the draft programme of work of the population component of the Housing, land management and population subprogramme for 2025 (ECE/WG.1/2024/5) and recommend that it be approved by the Executive Committee. The programme of work is based on the Economic Commission for Europe proposed programme budget for 2025 (A/79/6 (Sect. 20)) and follows the annual budget format approved by the United Nations General Assembly in resolution 77/267 of 30 December 2022.

Based on the sequential review procedure, SWGA will also be invited to consider the “Outline of the key components of the programme of work of the population component of the Housing, land management and population subprogramme for 2026” (ECE/WG.1/2024/INF.5) and to provide recommendations on those components, as necessary. Those recommendations agreed by the Executive Committee and included in its decisions will be reflected in the proposed programme plan of the population component of subprogramme 8 for 2026.

Documentation: Draft programme of work of the population component of the Housing, land management and population subprogramme for 2025
(ECE/WG.1/2024/5)

Outline of the key components of the programme of work of the population component of the Housing, land management and population subprogramme for 2026 (ECE/WG.1/2024/INF.5)

10. Financing of the programme of work

The Secretariat will report on the current status of the financing of the programme, including budget allocations of recent donations, and identify areas that require further contribution.

The Chair will invite SWGA to pledge financial or in-kind contributions towards the implementation of the Programme of Work of the Standing Working Group on Ageing 2023–2027.

11. Other business and summary of decisions

Standing Working Group members wishing to discuss other issues under this agenda item are invited to inform the Secretariat no later than two weeks before the meeting.

The Chair, with the assistance of the Secretariat, will summarize the decisions taken during the meeting.

12. In-depth policy discussion

In the domain of population ageing, evidence-based policymaking requires information across a wide range of topics and sectors. The evidence needs are extensive, spanning demographic forecasts, data on public finance, statistics pertaining to different policy domains as well as data that capture the experiences and outcomes of older persons. The absence of international and/or national reporting requirements around ageing policy frameworks means data and statistics on population ageing and older persons are often limited. Recent efforts to measure progress towards population and development frameworks at the regional level have revealed persisting data gaps on ageing and older persons.

The in-depth policy discussion will focus on the use and generation of evidence for ageing-related policymaking. The discussion will highlight the importance of evidence-based ageing policies, identify gaps and challenges in this area, share best practices in the use of evidence in national ageing policies, and provide the opportunity to voice evidence needs.

13. Conclusions and closing of the meeting

The Secretariat will summarize the key messages of the in-depth policy discussion.

The Chair will close the meeting.

III. Tentative timetable

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
Wednesday, 20 November, morning	
10:00–10:15	Item 1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda
10:15–10:25	Item 2. Election of officers
10:25–10:45	Item 3. Work of the Bureau
10:45–11:30	Item 4. International events and initiatives on ageing and follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
11:30–11:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:45–13:00	Item 4 (cont.). International events and initiatives on ageing and follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
13:00–15:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
Wednesday, 20 November, afternoon	
15:00–16:15	Item 5. Progress towards the goals of the 2022 Rome Ministerial Declaration
16:15–16:35	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:35–17:30	Item 5 (cont.). Progress towards the goals of the 2022 Rome Ministerial Declaration

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
17:30–17:45	Wrap up and closing of the first day
17:45–19:00	<i>Evening reception</i>
Thursday, 21 November, morning	
10:00–10:05	Opening of the second day of the meeting
10:05–11:00	Item 6. Programme of work of the Standing Working Group on Ageing: implementation in 2024 and plans for 2025
10:05–10:15	(a) Raising awareness on ageing and its implications for sustainable development and creating synergies with related policy agendas
10:15–11:00	(b) International cooperation and exchange of experience and knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Policy briefs (ii) In-depth policy discussion (iii) Policy dialogues on ageing (iv) Peer learning
11:00–11:20	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:20–12:20	Item 6 (cont.). Programme of work of the Standing Working Group on Ageing: implementation in 2024 and plans for 2025
11:20–11:35	(c) Guidelines and policy recommendations, advisory services, and capacity-building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Capacity development on mainstreaming ageing (ii) Road maps for mainstreaming ageing
11:35–12:20	(d) Monitoring the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy and strengthening the evidence base for policymaking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ageing-related and age-disaggregated data (ii) Quantitative Monitoring Framework (iii) Generations and Gender Programme (iv) Ageing Policies Database
12:20–13:00	Item 7. Updating the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing
13:00–15:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
Thursday, 21 November, afternoon	
15:00–15:15	Item 8. Preparing the fifth review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy
15:15–16:15	Item 8 (cont.). Group Discussions
16:15–16:40	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:40–17:15	Item 8 (cont.). Reporting back from discussion groups

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
17:15–17:30	Item 9. Programme of work for 2025 and Outline of key components of the programme of work for 2026
17:30–17:45	Item 10. Financing of the programme of work
17:45–18:00	Item 11. Other business and summary of decisions
18:00	Closing of the second day of the meeting
Friday, 22 November, morning	
09:30–09:45	Opening of the third day of the meeting
09:45–10:45	Item 12. In-depth policy discussion
10:45–11:05	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:05–12:30	Item 12 (cont.). In-depth policy discussion
12:30–14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
Friday, 22 November, afternoon	
14:30–16:00	Item 12 (cont.). In-depth policy discussion
16:00–16:20	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:20–17:00	Item 12 (cont.). In-depth policy discussion
17:00–17:30	Item 13. Conclusions and closing of the meeting
