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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the eighteenth meeting

**To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, beginning on Wednesday,
12 November 2025 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. Programme of work implementation in 2025, plans for 2026 and 2027:
 - (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;
 - (c) Guidelines and policy recommendations, advisory services, and capacity-building;
 - (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;
 - (e) Programme plan of the population component of the Housing, land management and population subprogramme of the Economic Commission for Europe for 2027;
 - (f) Financing of the programme of work.
5. Progress towards the goals of the 2022 Rome Ministerial Declaration.
6. Updating the Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on 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/SWGA18>. Delegates attending the meeting are required to register online.



7. Fifth review and appraisal of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy.
8. International events and initiatives on ageing.
9. Any other business.
10. Summary of decisions and closing of the meeting.

II. Annotations

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

The annotated provisional agenda contained in the present document is based on the draft outline agreed upon by the Bureau of the Standing Working Group on Ageing (SWGA) at its seventeenth meeting (ECE/WG.1/2025/3). SWGA will be asked to adopt the agenda.

Documentation: Annotated provisional agenda for the eighteenth meeting
(ECE/WG.1/2025/1)

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 the possibility that Bureau members serve three consecutive terms. Per established practice, Bureau membership is extended from 8 to 10 member States during the periodic reviews and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) and preparations for the Ministerial Conference on Ageing.

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

The Chair will brief SWGA on decisions taken by the Bureau at its seventeenth meeting held on 8 and 9 May 2025 in Madrid, Spain.

Documentation: Report on the seventeenth meeting of the Bureau of the Standing Working Group on Ageing (ECE/WG.1/2025/3)

4. Programme of work implementation in 2025, plans for 2026 and 2027

The Secretariat will present the elements of the programme of work of the Standing Working Group on Ageing implemented in 2025 and outline planned activities for 2026. Under this agenda item, SWGA will be invited to approve the report on the implementation of its programme of work for 2025 (ECE/WG.1/2025/4) and make decisions on planned activities.

SWGA will also be invited to consider the draft proposed programme plan of the population component of the Housing, land management and population subprogramme (subprogramme 8) of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) for 2027 as contained in document ECE/WG.1/2025/5 and to provide recommendations, as necessary.

Finally, SWGA will be briefed on the current status of the financing of the programme of work.

Documentation: Implementation of the programme of work of the Standing Working Group on Ageing in 2025 (ECE/WG.1/2025/4)

Proposed programme budget for 2026 (A/80/6 (Sect. 20))

Outline of the key components of the programme of work of the population component of the Housing, land management and population subprogramme for 2027 (ECE/WG.1/2025/5)

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

SWGA will be briefed on awareness-raising efforts in 2025 and discuss opportunities for raising awareness on population ageing and creating synergies with related policy agendas.

(b) International cooperation and exchange of experience and knowledge

SWGA will be briefed on activities accomplished in 2025 and will be invited to discuss and agree on topics for the policy brief on ageing, policy dialogues on ageing and the in-depth policy discussion during the annual meeting in 2026. Under this item, opportunities for peer learning will be shared. Members of SWGA who wish to organize a peer-learning visit in 2026 are invited to inform the Secretariat in advance.

Documentation: Policy Brief on Ageing No. 30 (ECE/WG.1/45) and Key Messages

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

SWGA will be briefed on capacity-development activities for mainstreaming ageing in 2025, specifically the development of a new tool to assess gaps in the availability of ageing-related and age-disaggregated data which was piloted in Georgia. Members of SWGA will be invited to express interest if they wish to carry out a data availability assessment in 2026.

SWGA will be briefed about the road map for mainstreaming ageing for Uzbekistan. Members of SWGA are invited to contact the Secretariat if they wish to develop a road map for mainstreaming ageing in 2026.

(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

SWGA will be updated on efforts to enhance monitoring of MIPAA and its Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS) and strengthening the evidence base for policymaking. Briefings will include activities on ageing-related statistics and follow-up by the Conference of European Statisticians, the task force on quantitative monitoring, an update on the Generations and Gender Programme and the Ageing Policies Database.

(e) Programme plan of the population component of the Housing, land management and population subprogramme of the Economic Commission for Europe for 2027

SWGA will be invited to consider the draft proposed programme plan of the population component of the Housing, land management and population subprogramme (subprogramme 8) of the Economic Commission for Europe for 2027 as contained in document ECE/WG.1/2025/5 and to provide recommendations, as necessary. The proposal will subsequently be presented to the ECE Executive Committee for review, prior to its submission to the relevant bodies of the United Nations General Assembly for approval.

(f) Financing of the programme of work

The Secretariat will report on the current status of the financing of the programme of work, including budget allocations of recent donations, and will 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.

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

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

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

At the seventeenth meeting, SWGA decided that the in-depth policy discussion during the eighteenth meeting will serve as a “mid-term meeting” on the update of MIPAA/RIS. Under this item, SWGA will be invited to share feedback on the direction of the update. The task forces on updating RIS and on quantitative monitoring will present a proposed outline for the new strategy which indicates the main policy themes and topics covered, as well as proposed indicators, which will be shared with SWGA ahead of the meeting.

Under this item, SWGA will discuss and agree to the structure and main policy areas of the strategy. SWGA will also discuss substantive priorities within each policy area, sharing insights on policy priorities and emerging challenges at the national level.

Documentation: Proposed outline for the new Regional Implementation Strategy
 (ECE/WG.1/2025/INF.1)

 Report on national engagement exercises

 Proposal of indicators by the task force on quantitative monitoring

7. Fifth review and appraisal of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Regional Implementation Strategy

SWGA will discuss the fifth review and appraisal of the implementation of MIPAA/RIS, national reviews and preparations for the 2027 Ministerial Conference on Ageing.

Documentation: Guidelines for National Reports (ECE/WG.1/2025/INF.2)

 Concept Note for 2027 Ministerial Conference on Ageing
 (ECE/WG.1/2025/INF.3)

8. International events and initiatives on ageing

Members of SWGA will be briefed on relevant regional and global events and initiatives related to ageing in 2025 and plans for 2026.

Documentation: 2025 overview of international resources on ageing
 (ECE/WG.1/2025/INF.4)

9. Any other business

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.

10. Summary of decisions and closing of the meeting

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