

Mainstreaming Ageing in Policymaking Capacity Building Workshop

23-24 August 2022 Nairobi, Kenya

Concept Note and Agenda

I. Background

Large groups of older persons risk increased vulnerability and exclusion. Despite some promising policy developments witnessed across Arab countries, repeated regional reviews of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA), and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development highlighted that older persons are a growing vulnerable group that is facing an increasing risk of being left behind. Large groups of older persons are excluded from social protection platforms, heightening their risk of disease and poverty. Changing social norms as a result of migration, urbanization, and modernization are impacting inter-generational support. Policy making relating to older persons remains fragmented in most Arab countries and do not respond to the needs of older persons today nor prepare for the quickly increasing numbers and proportions of older persons in the near future. The COVID-19 pandemic has further threatened the wellbeing of older persons, especially those in vulnerable situations, and highlighted the urgency of the need for coherent policies that address older persons needs, priorities and specificities.

Somalia is witnessing a slow demographic transition, the number of older persons has reached about 724,000 persons in 2020, representing about 4.5% of the community according to UN DESA figures. However, the number of older persons is expected to reach 4 million persons in 2070 equivalent to 7.75% of the total population.

II. Capacity Building Workshop

Against this backdrop, and in the framework of technical assistance between the Ministry Labor and Social Affairs (MoLSA) in Somalia and Economic and Social Council for Western Asia (ESCWA), ESCWA is organizing a capacity building workshop on mainstreaming ageing in policy making.

a. Objective

The workshop aims to build the knowledge of relevant ministries representatives on older persons issues and priorities, the relevant global frameworks, and means to address them in light of national context.

b. Date and Venue

The workshop will be organized for two days 23-24 August 2022 in Nairobi.

c. Participants

Participants will include representatives of the Ministry Labor and Social Affairs (MoLSA), in addition to representatives of the relevant ministries and civil society organizations.

d. Agenda

Day 1: Tuesday 23 August, 2022	
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:10	Opening Remarks
09:10 - 10:00	Scene setting session - Rights of older persons and Global frameworks (20 min) - Exercise on the general context (20 min) - Group reporting (10 min)
10:00 - 11:00	Training session 1: How to make public policies - Presentation on public policies development (15 min) - Presentations of exercise (5 min) - Group Work (25 min) - Group reporting (15 min)
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 - 13:00	Training session 2: Mainstreaming Ageing in Policy making - Social Protection - Presentations of exercise (10 min) - Group work (60 min) - Group reporting (35 min)
13:00 - 14:30	Training session 3: Mainstreaming Ageing in Policy making - Health - Presentations of exercise (10 min) - Group work (50 min) - Group reporting (30 min)
14:30 - 15:30	Lunch

Day 2: Wednesday 24 August, 2022	
09:30 - 11:00	Training session 4: Mainstreaming Ageing in Policy making - Ageing in Place - Presentations of exercise (10 min) - Group work (50 min) - Group reporting 30 min)
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 - 12:45	Training session 5: Mainstreaming Ageing in Policy making - Social Inclusion - Presentations of exercise (10 min) - Group work (50 min) - Group reporting (30 min)
12:45 - 13:00	Presentation on Policy toolkit
13:00 - 14:00	Training session 6: Mainstreaming Ageing in Policy making - Statistics and Partnerships - Presentations of exercise (5 min) - Group work (25 min) - Group reporting (30 min)
14:00 - 14:15	Closing Remarks
14:15 - 15:15	Lunch