

## EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON AGING IN AFRICA

Addis Ababa, 19-20 November 2007

### PROGRAM

#### MONDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2007

- 09:00 – 09:40      **Opening Ceremony**  
Statement of the Representative of UNDESA  
Statement of the Representative of AU  
Statement of the Representative of HelpAge International  
Statement by ECA  
  
Moderator: Ethiopia  
Rapporteurs: Cameroon, Ghana
- 09:40 – 10:00      TEA/COFFEE BREAK
- 10:00 – 11:00      **Session I: Presentation**  
  
1. Operationalization at Country Level of the Guidelines for Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Aging: Bottom-up Participatory Approach by Mr. Robert Venne, UN Focal Point on Aging, UNDESA, New York  
  
2. The Role of AU in Promoting Interventions for Meeting the Needs of the Elderly in Africa: Priorities and Challenges by Ms. Rahim Sadegua B., Department of Social Affairs, African Union, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 11:00 – 11:30      **Discussion**  
  
Moderator: Ethiopia  
Rapporteurs: Cameroon, Ghana
- 11:30 – 12:00      **Session II: ECA 2007 Report on Aging in Africa**  
  
Presentation by ECA
- 12:00 – 13:00      **Discussion**  
  
Moderator: AU  
Rapporteurs: APHRC, Mauritius
- 13:00 – 14:30      LUNCH

14:30 – 15:30

**Session III: Selected topics on Aging in Africa – in depth exploration**

**Presentation:**

1. Advocacy, Awareness Creation and Evolution of Policies and Programmes on Aging in Africa by Dr. Nhongo Tavengura, Regional Representative, HelpAge International, Nairobi, Kenya
2. Urbanization, Poverty and the Well-being of Older People by Dr. Catherine Kyobutungi, Post-Doctoral Fellow, African Population & Health Research Center, Nairobi, Kenya

15:30 – 16:00

**Discussion**

Moderator: HelpAge  
Rapporteurs: AU, South Africa

16 :00 – 16: 15

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

16:15 - 16:55

**Session IV: Country reports on review and appraisal of the MIPAA**

Presentations by Cameroon, Ethiopia

16:55 - 17:30

**Discussion**

Moderator: Ghana  
Rapporteurs: ECA, Uganda

**TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2007**

09:00 – 10:00      **Session IV (cont.): Country reports on review and appraisal of the MIPAA**

Presentations by Mauritius, South Africa, Tanzania

10:00-10:30      **Discussion**

Moderator: ECA

Rapporteurs: HelpAge, Ethiopia

*10:30 – 10:45*      TEA/COFFEE BREAK

10:45 – 11:45      **Session IV (cont.): Country reports on review and appraisal of the MIPAA**

Presentations by Uganda and Ghana

11:45 - 13:00      **Discussion**

Moderator: ECA

Rapporteurs: HelpAge, Ethiopia

*13:00 – 14:30*      LUNCH

14:30 – 16:00      **Session V: Presentations and General Discussion on identified priority issues and the Way Forward**

Presentation:

1. Review and appraisal of Africa's strategies to implement MIPAA: Priorities for future action by Professor Monica Ferreira, University of Cape Town, South Africa
2. The need for an international programme on ageing: obstacles and the way forward by Dr. Ronald Schoenmaeckers, Scientific Director, SVR, Research Centre Flemish Government, Brussels, Belgium
3. Research gaps and challenges on aging in Africa: Remedies for information provision by Dr. Isabella Aboderin, University of Oxford, UK (to be presented by Professor Monica Ferreira)

Moderator: UNDESA  
Rapporteurs: Tanzania

*16:00 – 16:15*

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

16:15 – 17:00

**Session V (cont.): Presentations and General Discussion on identified priority issues and the Way Forward**

**Discussion**

Moderator: UNDESA  
Rapporteurs: Tanzania

17:00 – 17:30

**Session VI: Closing Ceremony**

Closing remarks by UNDESA  
Closing remarks by AU  
Closing remarks by HelpAge  
Closing remarks by ECA

Moderator: APHRC  
Rapporteurs: Tanzania