



55TH COMMISSION for SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The United Nations Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD),
in partnership with the Permanent Mission of Austria,
and the Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the United Nations
cordially invites you to attend a discussion on:

Promoting Intergenerational Relations: Age Diversity and its Effects on Youth Policy Development

Wednesday, 1 February 2017
1:15 to 2:30 – Conference Room 11
United Nations Headquarters
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TOPIC: Promoting Intergenerational Relations: Age Diversity and its Effects on Youth Policy Development

FORMAT: Presentations followed by a moderated discussion

CONCEPT

A large number of countries across the globe is confronted with ageing societies. Some face low fertility rates among its populations, others are characterised by youth emigration.

Challenges arising from ageing populations include securing pensions for today's younger generations, adapting to structural changes on the job market, and finding sustainable concepts of care for the elderly.

Tackling these challenges requires strong social cohesion and an open intergenerational dialogue. As stated in the *Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing* and in the *World Programme of Youth Action*, intergenerational relations are pivotal for healthy functioning societies and fundamental for the development of policies which promote youth development and intergenerational justice. Yet, most countries do not consider an all-generations approach to developing policies for families.

The side-event will include a presentation by Prof. Bernd Marin, an Austrian social scientist whose work focuses on research into ageing. He will give insights into the concept of "Age diversity" and will talk about how a society of all ages contributes to youth development. The session will also discuss the many ways governments can promote intergenerational relations in order to strengthen the social compact and to realize intergenerational justice.

In line with the background paper on *Policies and Programmes Supporting Intergenerational Relations*, commissioned by the UNDESA Division for Social Development, this event will contribute to the integration of a holistic perspective on families into national policy development. Policies concerning the older generation should thus also always consider children and youth, as well as vice versa.

The event will further serve as a forum for exchanging ideas on how to promote intergenerational relations.