

Evidence-based Ageing-related Policies in Sub-Saharan Africa

Surveys, Data and UN Titchfield City Group on Ageing and Age-disaggregated statistics

16-18 November 2021, Lake Naivasha, Kenya

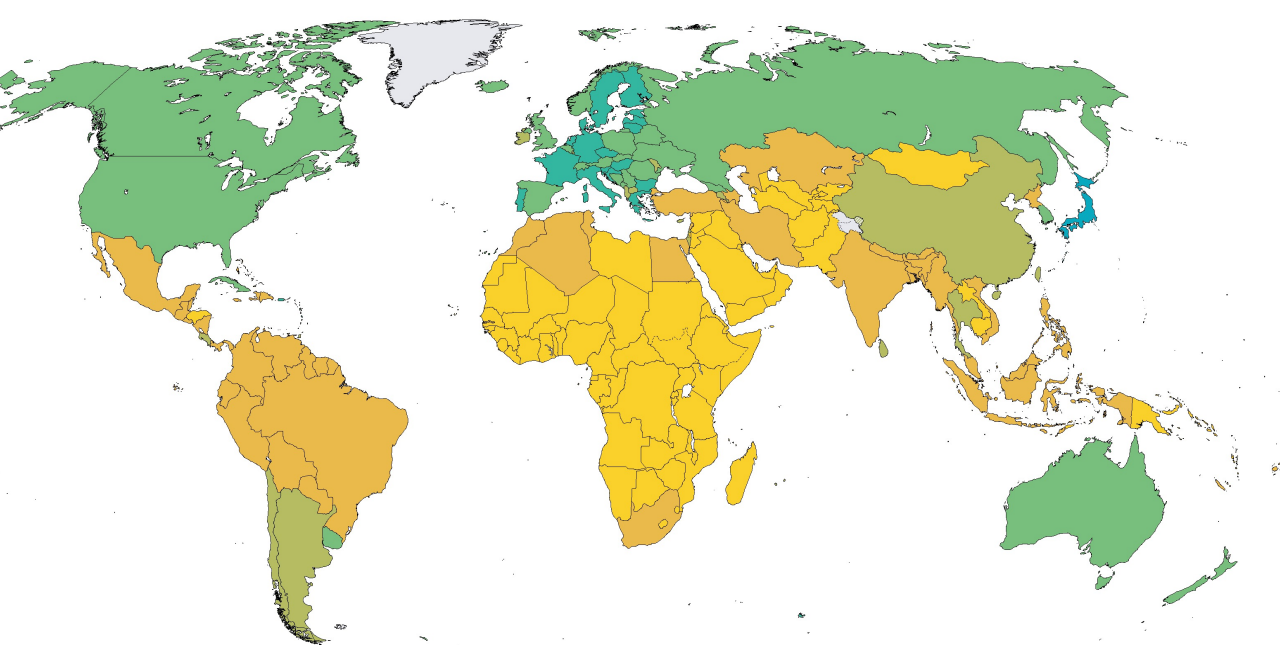
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Outline

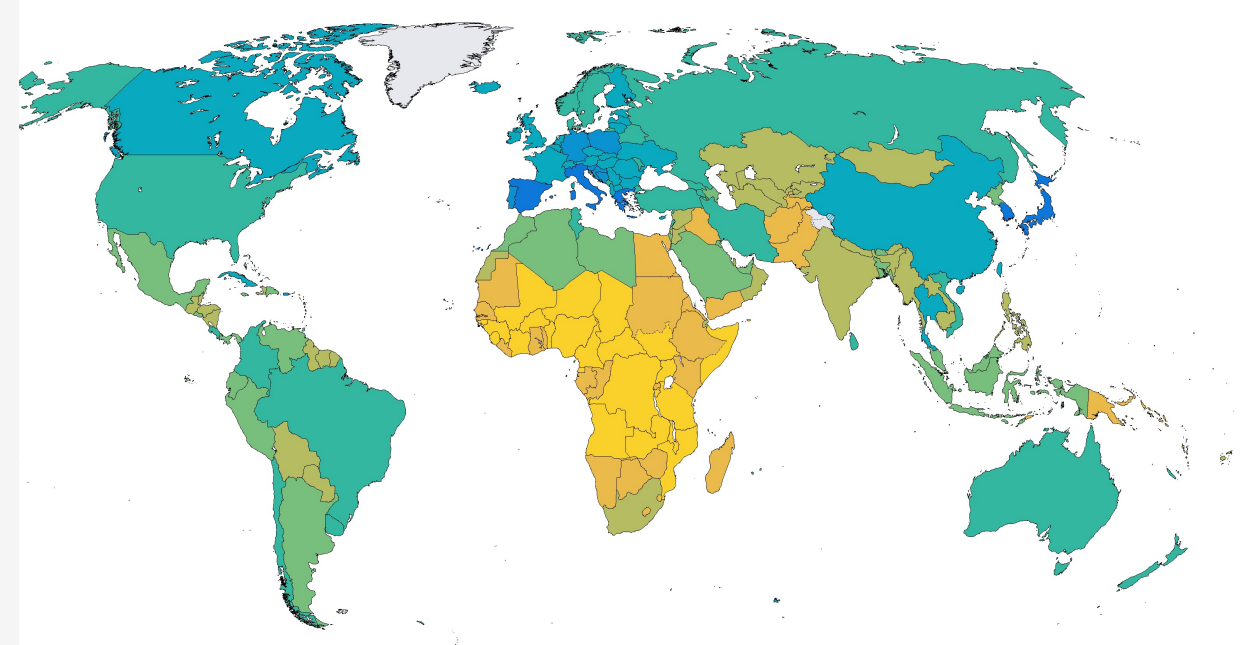
- Surveys, Data on older persons in African
- Work of the TCGA

Population ageing is happening globally

Percentage of the population aged 65 and over, 2020



Percentage of the population aged 65 and over, 2050



Percentage aged 65 or over



Source: UN World Population Prospects, 2019

The African Perspective



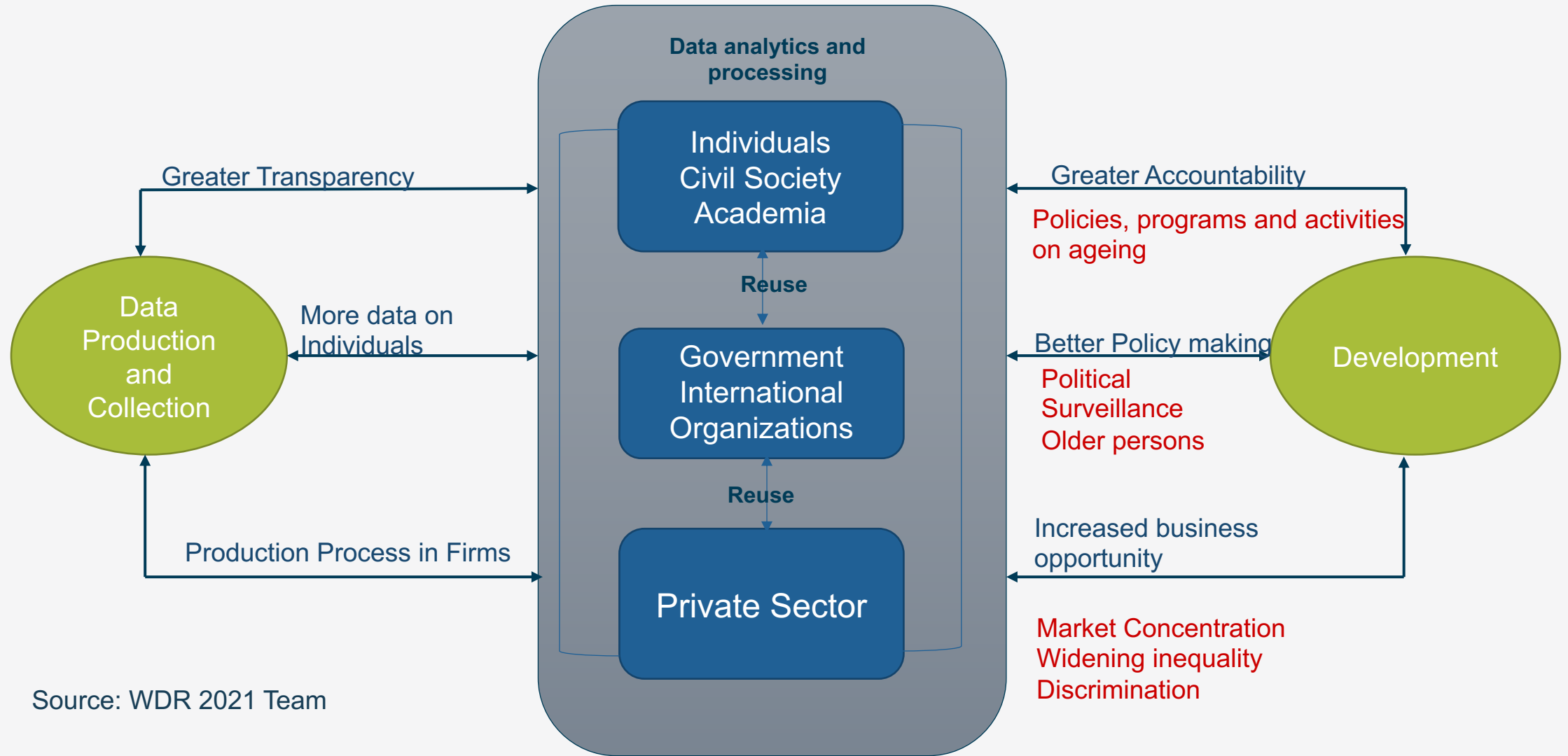
Sources of data on Older Adults in Africa

- Censuses
- Sample surveys
- Longitudinal surveys
- Case studies
- Administrative
- Others

What Data is available

- Dedicated data on old persons
 - Multiple Indicator Survey on Ageing (MISA) in Malawi
 - Africa Aging:2020
- Derived data on older persons
 - Population censuses
 - DHS
 - Living standards surveys
 - MICS
 - SAGE

Pathways along which data can foster development



Source: WDR 2021 Team

Desirable features of data

Ensuring the data have adequate coverage

- Completeness
- Timeliness
- Frequency

Ensuring the data are of high quality

- Granularity
- Accuracy
- Comparability

Ensuring the data are easy to use

- Accessibility
- Understandability
- interoperability

Source: WDR 2021 Team

UN Titchfield City Group on Ageing and Age Disaggregated Statistics

International collaboration to improve measurement of older people



Data issues in measurement of older people's lives



Collection



Analysis



Reporting and Use





The foundations are laid

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The Sustainable Development Goals create new opportunities

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UK Office for National Statistics comes on board at the World Data Forum

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The Winchester Seminar brings everyone together

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Pre 2015

Demand for evidence based data and statistics on older persons has been called for since the adoption of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing in 2002. Various initiatives, including the UNECE Task Force on Ageing-Related Statistics, continued to document and call attention to these gaps over the subsequent years.

2015

The adoption of the SDGs in 2015 and the pledge to Leave No One Behind stimulated a global conversation about how progress could be measured. Space opened up to talk about the significant gaps in ageing statistics and age-disaggregated data and the need for concrete solutions.

15 – 18 January 2017

At the first World Data Forum in Cape Town, the core group – then ONS, DFID, HelpAge, UN Women and UNDP – convened a meeting with various country statistical offices and representatives of other agencies and held bilateral discussions to bring statistical offices on board. Following the World Data Forum the United Kingdom Office for National Statistics (ONS) offered to lead the proposed City Group and several statistical offices joined.



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Widening the circle

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2016

Throughout remainder of 2016, DFID and HelpAge explored the City Group option and worked to build support for the idea of a UN city group with a wider group of agencies. Several partners came on board, including UNDP, UNICEF, UN Women and WHO.



A City group first raised at the 48th Session of United Nations Statistical Commission

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Preparations start for UN Statistical Commission 2018

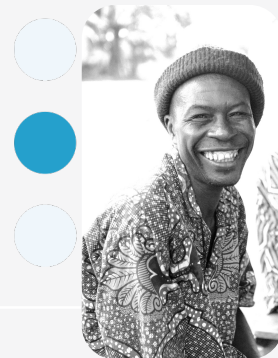
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Summer 2017

Throughout 2017 the core group grew and began meeting regularly to prepare for the 49th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission and planning a seminar in Winchester.

7 – 10 March 2017

At the Statistical Commission in 2017, the City Group was first proposed by ONS and the Commission agreed that it could be added to the agenda of the 2018 Statistical Commission.



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The first formal meeting takes place in Chichester

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22 – 24 August 2017

The informal core group held a first meeting as the 'Proposed Titchfield Group' in the UK in August 2017 to discuss the scope of the group's work and decide on the important elements of the report and proposal that the UK would present to the Statistical Commission in March 2018.



The City Group is agreed at the 49th Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission

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6 – 9 March 2018

ONS presented the report on ageing related statistics and age-disaggregated data to the Commission, including a proposal to establish the Titchfield Group. The proposal was accepted by the Commission with strong support and no opposition.

Completion

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February – August 2016

Recognising the significant issues, DFID launched an Open Policy Making Initiative on age disaggregation across the life course. This culminated in a conference with CSO partners, representatives of UN agencies and USAID where the idea of a city group was first proposed. DFID & CSO participants continued to work together to consider how to drive forward this important agenda – which lead to DFID's development of its Data Disaggregation Action Plan with a commitment to work towards a city group on age and ageing data.



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Sustainable Development Goals (with underlying pledge to ‘leave no one behind’)

Timely and reliable data across all ages is required for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



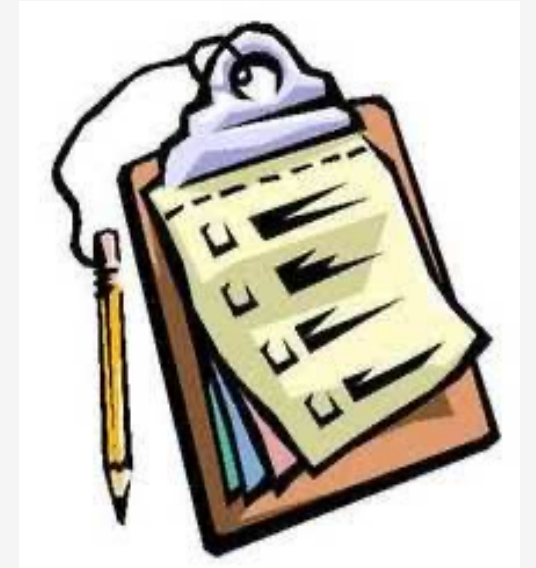
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“The overall objective of the proposed Titchfield Group is to develop standardized tools and methods for producing both data disaggregated by age and ageing-related data, and to encourage countries to do so, by playing a leading role in the development and communication of new standards and methodologies. “

(Report to UNSC 49th session)

Introducing the work plan

- Conceptual and analytical framework (WS3)
- Analysis of available evidence (WS1)
- Standardisation and harmonisation (WS5)
- Alignment to SDG goals and other work (WS4)
- Horizon scanning (WS2)
- Platform for sharing data and information (WS6)



Conceptual framework

Examples of conceptual frameworks on other topics

What is used already and may be required in the future?

'Think pieces' on key concepts

Analytical framework

Life course approach important

Case studies from NSOs/countries, including relevant to government policies

Analysis of available evidence

Stocktake of data sources

Identification of starting point for countries – country position papers?

Identification of policy priorities

List of country representatives to check our assessment is right

Scoping document – what indicators should we look for?

Standardisation and harmonisation

Assessment of level of harmonisation in current data/sources

Report/guidance on standard approaches (to enable global comparisons)

Library of tools for harmonisation in data collection and analysis

Timelines for priority workstrands: Short-term

- By March 2022
 - Think pieces on key constructs (WS3)
 - TCGA/WHO report 'SDG Indicators: Making older persons visible (WS3)
 - Report on availability of evidence on SDG indicators relevant to older people (WKS1)
 - Assessment of current levels of current harmonisation/standardisation (WS5).

By March 2023

- Conceptual and analytical framework finalised (WK3)
- Stocktake of data sources and indicators related to conceptual and analytical framework (WK1)
- Identify and draw on lessons from organisations who have already harmonised measures and developed guidelines (WS5)

Timelines for priority workstrands: Longer-term

- Phase 2 assessment of evidence on indicators identified in analytical framework (WS1)
- Report on gaps in evidence and relation to government policies (WS1)
- Develop library of tools for countries for use in data collection and analysis and guidance to facilitate standardisation and harmonisation and enable global comparisons (WS5)
- Report on suitability of data sources and outputs for the future and recommendations to address shortfalls (WS4)

The 3 remaining TCGA workstrands...

Horizon scanning

Report on suitability of sources for the future

What opportunities are there to improve data sources and make use of new data sources?

What could the future look like and how might data needs change?

Alignment to SDGs

Assess data needed to monitor the SDG framework for older people

Harmonisation and standards for age disaggregation of SDG indicators by age

Pilot approaches to overcoming challenges faced by NSOs in relation to availability and presentation of SDG data related to older people.

Platform for info sharing

Assess the suitability of potential platforms

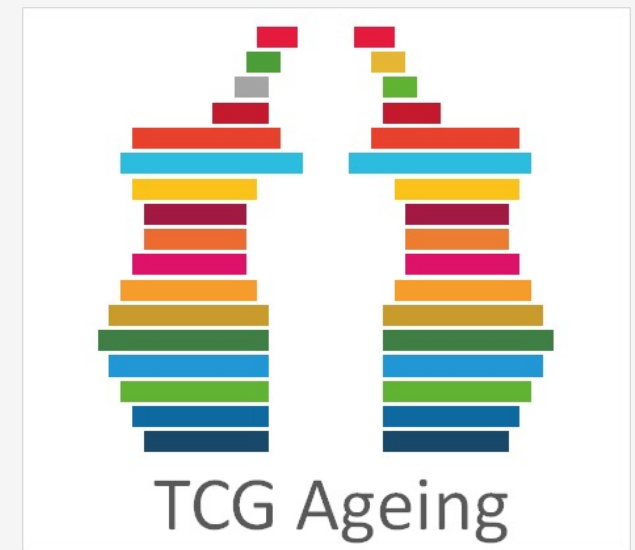
Identify legal and ethical boundaries with such a platform

Deliver an accessible digital platform for sharing information and best practice internationally

Getting involved

Come and join us! We want to hear about

- Your data sources on older people
 - New ideas for generating data on older people
 - Methodological or digital opportunities for filling gaps
 - Opportunities to lead remaining workstrands
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THANK YOU

