

**Commission for Social Development
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Panel Discussion, Monday, 12 February 10am:

Implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing: highlights of progress

The panel will be devoted to outlining and debating major achievements and obstacles in the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing since its adoption five years ago by the Second World Assembly on Ageing.

The Secretary-General has submitted to the current session of the Commission for Social Development the report on major developments in the area of ageing since the Second World Assembly. This panel would complement the findings of the Secretary-General's report and inform the debate at the Commission on issues related to the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action. The themes of the three presentations by invited speakers will follow the three priority directions of the Madrid Plan of Action: older persons and development (Ms. Sheilabai Bappoo and Mr. Frederick Fenech); advancing health and wellbeing into old age (Ms. Martha Pelaez); and ensuring enabling and supportive environments (Ms. Mary Ann Tsao).