

Expert Group Meeting
“Intergenerational Solidarity:
Strengthening Economic and Social Ties”
23 – 25 October 2007, United Nations Headquarters, New York

Annotated Agenda

Tuesday, 23 October 2007

8:30 – 9:00 **Registration**

9:00 – 9:30 **Opening Session**

- Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks:

Johan Schölvinck, Director
Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA

- What are the goals and plan of work for this meeting?

Sergei Zelenev, Chief
Social Integration Branch
Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA

9:30 – 10:55 **Session I-a: Intergenerational Solidarity: What does it mean and what are the key issues?**

Moderator: *Jacqueline Mazza*

Rapporteur: *TBD*

Introductory Remarks: *Vern Bengtson, Donna Butts and Thomas Schindlmayr*

Questions for Discussion:

- How could intergenerational solidarity be defined?
- How has it evolved among different communities, countries and regions?
- How has it been affected by ageing, gender, class, ethnicity, migration, and changes in values, norms, living arrangements, affection, closeness, instrumental support, etc.?
- What is the current policy context with regard to intergenerational solidarity? Are there policies? Are they implemented?

10:55 – 11:15

Break

11:15 – 12:30

Session I-b

Moderator: *Shannon Jarrott*

Rapporteur: *TBD*

Introductory Remarks: *Mariano Sanchez and Sabine Warschburger*

Questions for discussion:

- What is the current evidence on patterns and trends among countries or regions?
- What are the differences between developed and developing countries?
- How could intergenerational solidarity be measured?
- How could changes in intergenerational solidarity be assessed over time?

12:30 – 2:00

Lunch break

2:00 – 3:15

Session II-a: Determinants of the complex interchange among generations: Collaborations and conflicts.

Moderator: *Moneer Alam*

Rapporteur: *TBD*

Introductory Remarks: *Ariela Lowenstein and Maria Amparo Cruz-Saco (for Gustavo DeSantis)*

Questions for discussion:

- What are the social and economic conditions affecting intergenerational exchanges?
- What is the role of globalization?
- What tensions are emerging, what are the trade-offs that policy makers are dealing with, and how are they being addressed?

3:15 – 3:35

Break

3:35 – 4:45

Session II-b

Moderator: *Elizabeth Larkin*

Rapporteur: *Ariela Lowenstein*

Introductory remarks: *Lawrence Jeffrey Johnson and Laura Laski*

Questions for discussion:

- What are the roles of the following in conditioning intergenerational solidarity?
 - Demographic change
 - Living arrangements
 - Economic trends and patterns, including labour market trends
 - Migration (internal and international)
- How does poverty influence intergenerational solidarity?

4:45 – 5:15

Wrap-up of day one by rapporteurs

5:30 ? 6:30

Reception in DC2-1337

Wednesday 24 October

9:30 – 10:55

Session III-a: Overview of existing instruments and policies that affect intergenerational solidarity

Moderator: *Vern Bengtson*

Rapporteur: *TBD*

Introductory Remarks: *Shannon Jarrott, Elizabeth Larkin and Eric Olson*

Questions for discussion:

- How do individual preferences for independent living, e.g. lifestyle and autonomy, affect intergenerational solidarity?
- What roles do culture and societal organisation play?
- What are the gender dimensions of intergenerational solidarity?
- How are families and communities changing their consumption and investment to meet intergenerational commitments?
- How can programs regarding rehabilitation in the community and the continuum of care be implemented and assessed?

10:55 – 11:15

Break

11:15 – 12:30

Session III-b

Moderator: Donna Butts

Rapporteur: TBD

Introductory remarks: Maria Amparo Cruz-Saco, Jorge Bravo and Maninder Gill

Questions for discussion:

- How can resource allocation and public provision of social services promote intergenerational solidarity?
- How does socio-economic class and ability to pay affect the provision and funding of services within generations?
- How effective have the following types of policies been in promoting and protecting intergenerational solidarity?
 - Social protection schemes
 - Poverty reduction strategies
 - Remittances
- How have current models for promoting health care influenced or affected intergenerational solidarity?
- What efforts are being made to promote intergenerational solidarity through rehabilitation programmes?

12:30 – 2:00

Lunch break

1:00 ? 1:55

Film Screening “The Little Angel of Columbia”
(You are welcome to bring your lunch)

2:00 – 3:15

Session IV-a: Regional Dimensions: What are the unique issues for different world regions?

Moderator: Ariela Lowenstein

Rapporteur: TBD

Introductory remarks: Sven Isojarvi and Akpovire Oduaran

Questions for discussion:

- Are there countries or regions where policies have worked better than elsewhere?
- Are there countries which illustrate best practices? (e.g., *sogoteki gakushu*, a government sponsored program to increase contact with older persons in Japanese schools and *Nihon Kokasei Honbu* “rent a family” created by a private company).

3:15 – 3:35

Break

3:35 – 4:45

Session IV-b

Moderator: *Maria Amparo Cruz-saco*

Rapporteur: *TBD*

Introductory remarks: *Maninder Gill and Caroline Van Dullemen*

Questions for discussion:

- What are some of the specific regional cultural and national dimensions and challenges?
- What are the most important considerations in identifying policies for developing and developed countries?

4:45 – 5:15

Wrap-up of day two by rapporteurs

Thursday, 25 October

9:30 – 10:55 **Session V-a: Strategies and policy interventions**

Moderator: *Mariano Sanchez Martinez*

Rapporteur: *TBD*

Introductory remarks: *Moneer Alam, Jacqueline Mazza and Nicola Shepherd*

Questions for discussion:

- In view of the previous days' discussions and considerations, what specific policies are required to promote intergenerational solidarity in:
 - Developed regions
 - Less developed regions
 - Between youth and older adults
- Are there existing mechanisms/structures for implementing policies and strategies identified?
- What new mechanisms must be established?

10:55 – 11:15

Break

11:15 – 12:30

Session V-b

Moderator: *Caroline Van Dullemen*

Rapporteur: *TBD*

Introductory remarks: *Sergei Zelenev, Alexandre Sidorenko, and Global Youth Action Network,*

Questions for discussion:

- What role can labour market policies play to support intergenerational cohesion?
- What specific strategies can help to reduce intergenerational conflict?
- How can policies be made more inclusive?
- Is a gendered strategy required? If so, what should be the key elements?

12:30 – 2:00

Lunch

2:00 – 3:15

Session VI-a: What Next? Recommendations and questions/issues for future research/policymaking and policy implications.

Moderator: *Akpovire Oduaran*

Rapporteur: *Donna Butts*

Introductory Remarks: *Robert Venne and Susanne Paul*

3:15 – 3:35

Break

3:35 – 4:45

Session VI-b

Moderator: *Maria Amparo Cruz-Saco*

Rapporteur: *TBD*

4:45 – 5:15

Summary and close

Maria Amparo Cruz-Saco and Sergei Zelenev