What you need to know: 4th review and appraisal of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA)

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Modalities for the 4th Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of MIPAA

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“MIPAA is a key platform and tool for handling issues relevant to older persons and population ageing, and its review and appraisal provides us with the chance to discuss progress, jointly identify challenges, opportunities and prevalent issues and related policy options together with Member States.”
sub-Saharan Africa
(total population in thousands)
Timeline of the 4th Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of MIPAA

2020: The Commission, at its 58th session, decided on the modalities
2021: National reviews and appraisals are ongoing
2022: Regional review processes take place
2023: Global review by the Commission for Social Development at its 61st session
Review and appraisal at the regional level

- **Providing assistance** to Member States, upon request, in the organization of their national review and appraisal exercises

- **Organizing** regional review meetings

- Assisting Member States, upon request, in **following up on analysis** resulting from the regional reviews

- Using an **inclusive and coordinated approach** in relation to the participation of civil society in the planning and evaluation processes of the review and appraisal exercise

- Promoting **networking and the sharing of information** and experiences

- Providing an **analysis of the main findings**, identifying **key priority action areas** and **good practices** and suggesting **policy responses** by 2022

- Assisting and **providing advice** to governments, upon their request, within existing resources, in the gathering, synthesis and analysis of information, as well as in the presentation of the findings of national reviews and appraisals
4th R&A: A crucial point in the International Agenda
Guidelines to the bottom-up participatory approach:

- (a) the identification of stakeholders and how to work with them;
- (b) how to review national policies and define priorities for action on ageing;
- (c) how to review the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action with older persons through bottom-up participatory assessments; and
- (d) how to distil and analyse information at the national, regional and global levels

National consultative reviews involving both government and civil society utilizing a bottom-up approach will provide the main basis for the regional review process.

It is anticipated that the review process will be supported by other UN agencies, the African Union Commission and civil society organizations.
The Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) undertook a preliminary analysis of the impact of Covid-19 on the continent’s ageing population and social protection responses. Findings and recommendations will inform the fourth review and appraisal of MIPAA.

The ECA secretariat will provide guidance and technical support to member states as they prepare their national reports. National consultative reviews involving both government and civil society that follow a bottom-up approach will provide the main basis for the regional review process. The national reports will form the main input of the regional review report.

A high-level policy forum will be organized for member states to endorse the regional report as well as share experiences in the implementation of MIPAA.

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4th R&A: Potential Challenges

• Lack of **data availability** in many countries
• Inability to carry out **comparative analyses** between countries in several regions due to the absence of agreed indicators at the regional level
• Difficultly in **gathering inputs** from all relevant ministries where coordination units on ageing do not exist at the national level
• Lack of **capacity and limited national institutional frameworks** in some countries and regions to engage or respond to the review and appraisal process at the national level
4th R&A: What issues we anticipate to emerge?

Regional disparities: While there are many commonalities among the regions, substantial regional variations are also evident in what each region considers to be prevalent and emerging issues in relation to population ageing and older persons, and consequently on the focus and policy approach towards promoting the well-being of older persons in each context.

Mainstreaming ageing: This is essential to move towards achieving the transformative changes that are required for societies to adapt to the implications of longevity and population ageing.

COVID-19 pandemic: The pandemic has heavily impacted the work carried out by Governments to support older persons and their human rights, including activities related to the 4th review and appraisal of MIPAA.

Economic security in old age: This remains a priority and a challenge in many countries.

Social Isolation: The impact of social isolation and loneliness among older people is a growing public health and public concern.

Other issues including Digital Technologies and Climate Crisis
As the international action to advance the Second World Assembly on Ageing approaches its 20-year milestone, the fourth review and appraisal exercise provides a unique opportunity to generate a renewed momentum for the ageing agenda.
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