

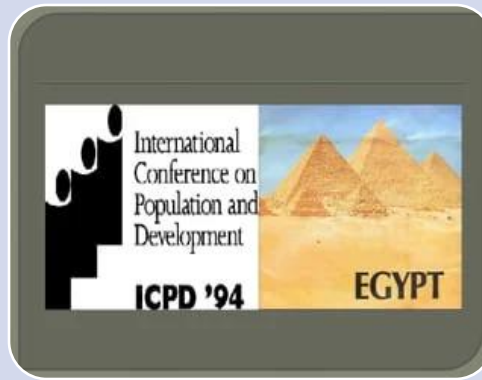
International policy frameworks on ageing: progress and perspectives

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1982

First World
Assembly on
Ageing



1994

International
Conference
on Population
and
Development



2002

Second
World
Assembly on
Ageing



WORLD ASSEMBLY
ON AGING

Vienna, Austria, 26 July - 8 August 1982

VIENNA
INTERNATIONAL
PLAN
OF ACTION
ON
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“Areas of concern to
ageing individuals”:

HEALTH AND
NUTRITION

PROTECTION OF
ELDERLY CONSUMERS

HOUSING AND
ENVIRONMENT

FAMILY

SOCIAL WELFARE

INCOME SECURITY
AND EMPLOYMENT

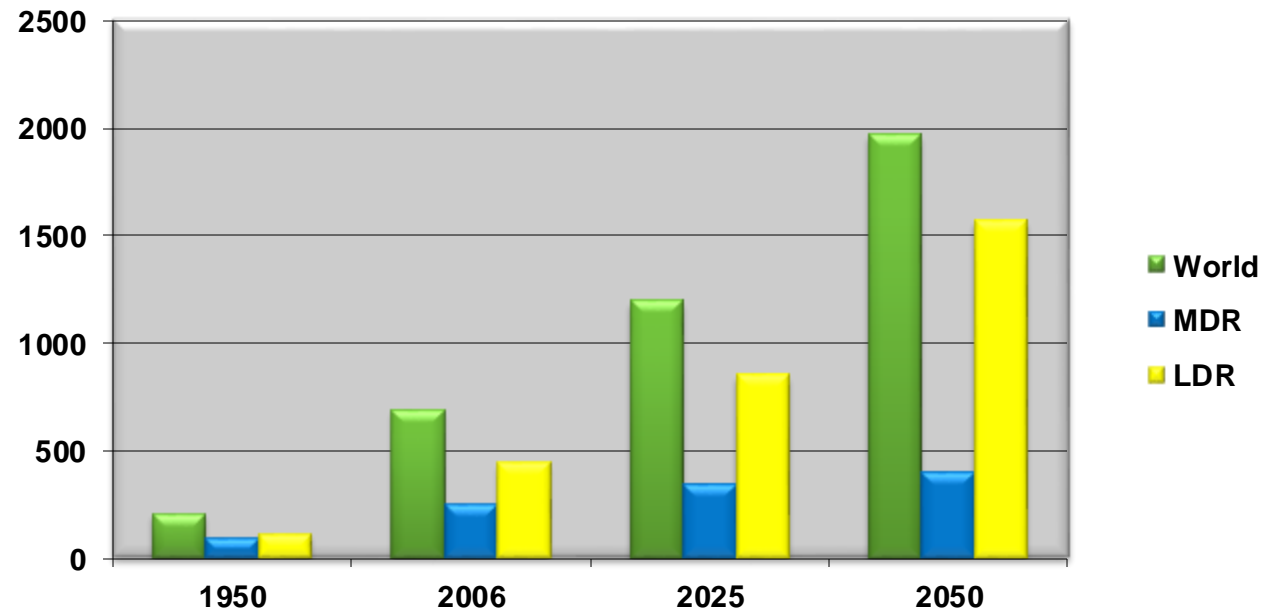
EDUCATION

“Ageing is definitely no longer just a "first world issue". What was a footnote in the twentieth century is on its way to becoming a dominant theme in the twenty-first century.”

Address by the UN Secretary-General to the Second World Assembly on Ageing, 8 April 2002.

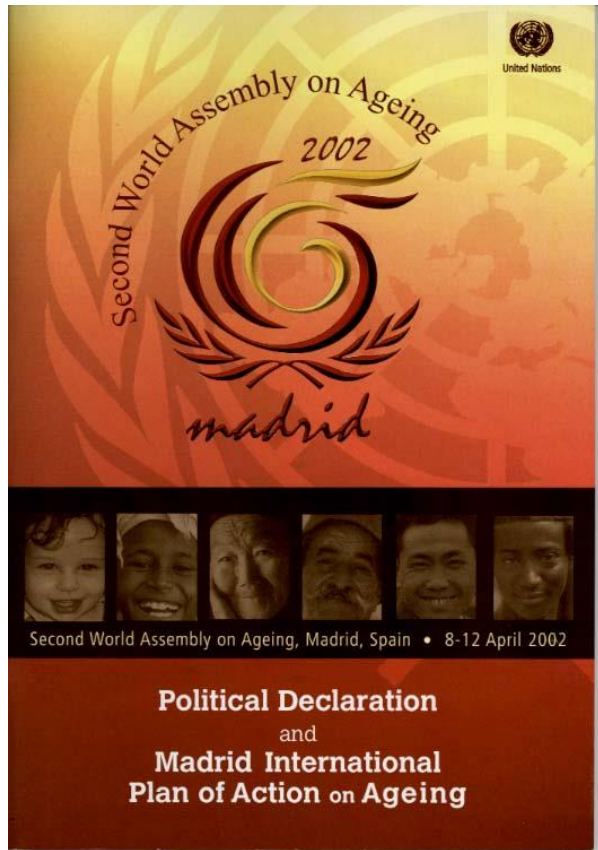


Persons 60+ in the world, in More Developed Regions (MDR) & Less Developed Regions (LDR)



Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing

Priority Directions for Policy Action:



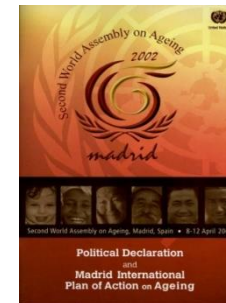
I. Older Persons and Development

II. Advancing Health and Wellbeing into Old Age

III. Ensuring Enabling and Supportive Environments



Two international plans of action on ageing - similar results of implementation...



1985: First Review & Appraisal:

“...limited progress in improving the living conditions of [older persons]...”

2007: First Review & Appraisal:

“some success”, as well as “significant gaps in progress”

1989: Second Review & Appraisal:

“...little progress...”

2012: Second Review & Appraisal:

“Overall progress in the implementation ... has continued to be uneven, with several shortfalls”

1993: Third Review & Appraisal

“... daunting task.”

2017: Third Review & Appraisal:

(No global conclusion: review and appraisal were conducted at national and regional levels)

1997: Fourth Review & Appraisal

“... minimal response...”

2022: Fourth Review & Appraisal:

(No global conclusion: review and appraisal were conducted at national and regional levels).

Two international plans of action on ageing – **BARRIERS TO NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION**



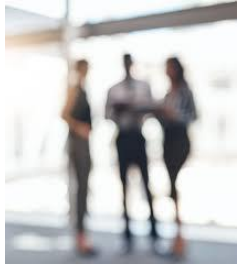
- Lack of financial resources
- Weak national infrastructure on ageing: shortage of staff; insufficient policy know-how
- Low priority of issues of ageing in the policy and political agenda



- Lack of financial resources
- Inadequate human resources
- Lack of political will



Two international plans of action on ageing - **BARRIERS TO INTERNATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION**



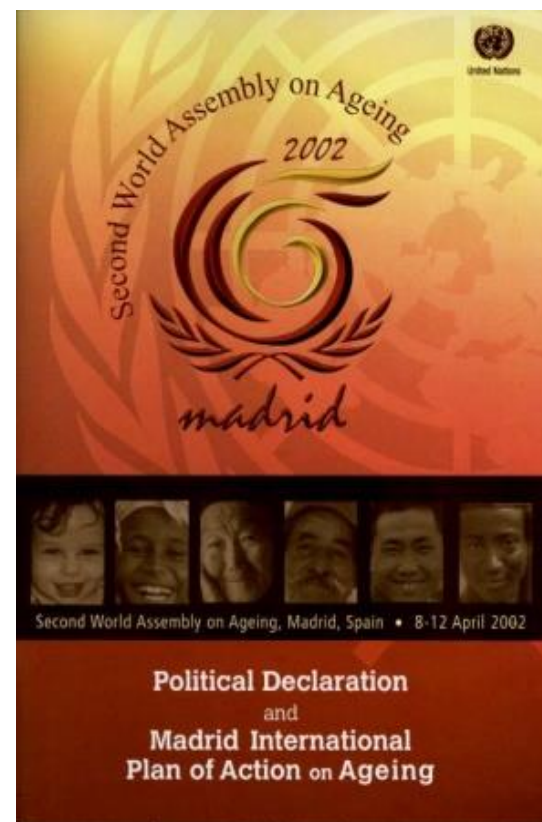
Insufficient coordination: lack of professional staff in the UN focal point on ageing (Department of Economic and Social Affairs) and in regional UN offices for overseeing the implementation process



Marginal technical support for building national capacity on ageing in less developed countries: no Trust Fund for Ageing; technical support is provided exclusively by the United Nations Fund for Population Activities

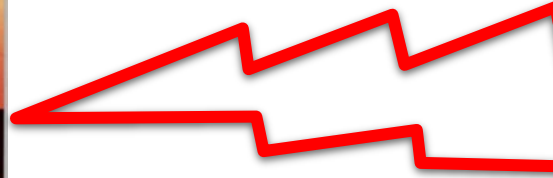
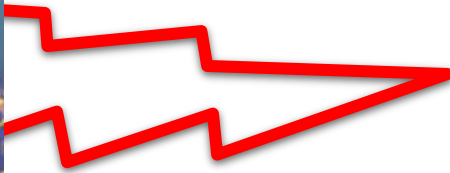
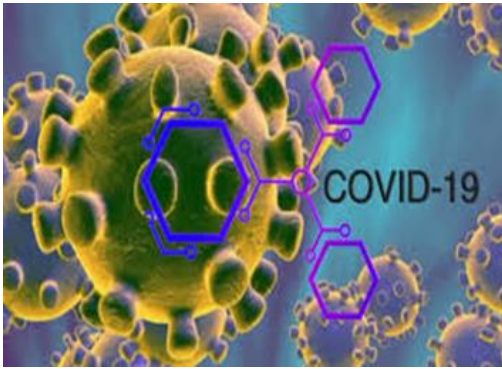


Limited analytical capacity of the UN Secretariat on ageing to ensure evidence informed policy action



International policy documents on ageing are not legally binding

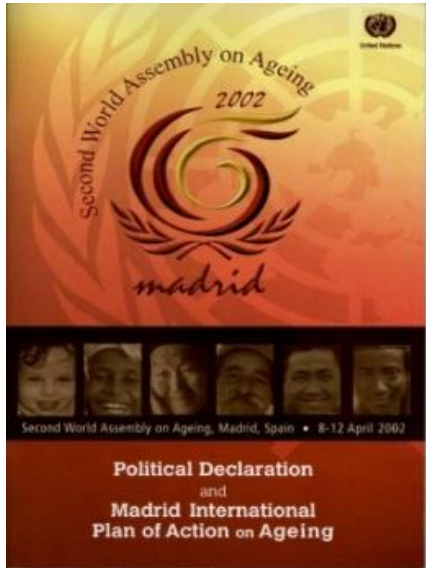
Policy responses to ageing in the new reality



Credit: Tyler Hicks/The New York Times

Responding to challenges and opportunities of ageing in the new reality



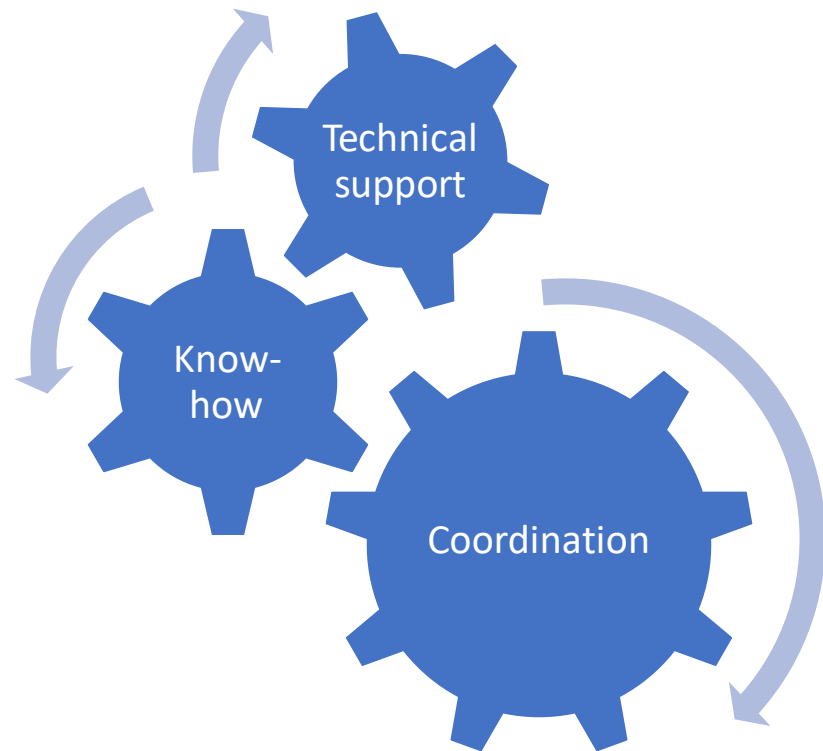


Review & Revise?

- ❑ **Reactive efforts** to meet the needs of older persons *must be complemented by proactive efforts* to adapt society to the demographic transition and build a society for all ages
- ❑ Establish **preventive dimension** of policy on ageing:
 - Mainstream life-long approach
 - Promote multi-generational cohesion

From the policy on ageing to the policy of longevity

Responding to challenges and opportunities of ageing in the new reality



Coordinating Agency for Policy of Longevity:

- Internationally recognized
 - Financially sound
 - Professionally staffed and equipped
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- To generate policy know-how
 - To provide technical support

From the “know-what” policy to the “know-how” policy

Responding to challenges and opportunities of ageing in the new reality



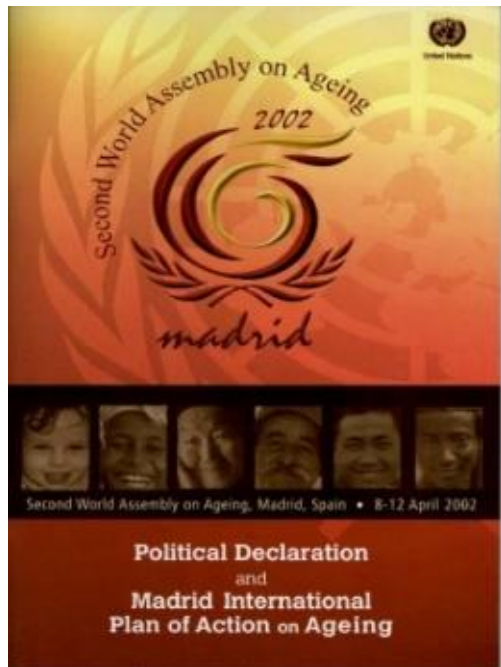
Credit: the United Nations

Development and adoption of an **international convention on the rights of older people.**

A credible perspective should be given to an international legally binding instrument on ageing, a long-awaited convention .

From meeting the needs to ensuring the rights

- *From the policy on ageing to the policy of longevity*
- *From the “know-what” policy to the “know-how” policy*
- *From meeting the needs of older people to securing their rights...*



*towards a society
for all ages* 

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In solidarity with older people in **Ukraine**

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