REGIONAL INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE ON AGEING:  
Towards a Regional Strategy for the Implementation in Latin America 
and the Caribbean of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing 

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME 

Wednesday, 19 November 2003 

8:30 a.m. – 09:30 a.m.  Registration of participants 

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  Meeting of heads of delegation 

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  OPENING SESSION 

Daniel Blanchard  
Secretary of the Commission  
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean 

Ricardo Infante  
Director, Sub-Regional Office for the Southern Cone International Labour Organization 

Joxel García  
Deputy Director, Pan American Health Organization 

Marisela Padrón  
Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean  
United Nations Population Fund 

Francisco Huenchumilla  
Minister  
General Secretariat of the Office of the President  
Chile 

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  Coffee break
11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The status of older persons in Latin America and the Caribbean and a proposed follow-up strategy

José Miguel Guzmán,
CELADE – Population Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. National policy implications of the International Plan of Action on Ageing
Country statements on national policies, programmes and actions undertaken since the Second World Assembly on Ageing (Madrid, 2002)

Moderator:
Manuel Pereira López
Director, National Service for Older Adults
Chile

4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Coffee break

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Country statements (continued)

Thursday, 20 November 2003

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Older persons and development

Fabio Bertranou,
Specialist in social security and welfare
International Labour Organization
Chile

Moderator:
Aurelio Fernández López
Commissioner of the Organizing Committee
Second World Assembly on Ageing

Economic security and social welfare

Helmut Schwarzer
Secretary of Social Security
Ministry of Social Security
Brazil

Oвидio Pачeco Salazar
Minister of Labour and Social Security
Costa Rica
Rafael Rofman
Senior Economist, World Bank

**Rights and active engagement in society and development**

*Sergei Zelenev*
Chief, Social Integration Branch
Division for Social Policy and Development
United Nations

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Discussion

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Coffee break**

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF OLDER PERSONS**
Moderator:
*Milton Pesce*
Under-Secretary, Ministry of Health
Uruguay

*Martha Peláez*
Regional Advisor on Health & Ageing
Pan American Health Organization

**Lifelong health and well-being**

*Enrique Vega*
Director, Programme for Older Adults
Ministry of Health
Cuba

**Universal and equitable access to health care services**

*Herbert Sabaroche*
Minister of Health & Social Security
Dominica

*Pedro García*
Minister of Health
Chile

**Long-term care for older persons with disabilities**

*Denise Eldemire-Shearer*
Chairman, National Council on Ageing
Jamaica

1:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. **Lunch**

2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Discussion

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **ENABLING ENVIRONMENTS**
Tomas Engler  
Health Specialist, Division of Social Programs 1  
Inter-American Development Bank

Moderator:  
Carmen Largaespada  
Minister, Ministry of the Family  
Nicaragua

**Urban environments, transport and housing**

Sonia Tschorne  
Under-Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning  
Chile

Clayton Springer  
Director, National Assistance Board  
Barbados

**Societal environments: discrimination, violence and the image of ageing**

Manuel Pereira  
Director, National Service for Older Adults  
Chile

Luis Fernando Avelar  
Vice-Minister  
Viceministry of Employment and Social Security  
El Salvador

Mónica Roqué  
Director, National Head Office on Policies for the Elderly  
Ministry of Human and Family Development  
Argentina

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Coffee break**

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Discussion
Friday, 21 November 2003

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.  
**PERSPECTIVES ON THE STATUS OF OLDER PERSONS**

Moderator:  
*Rogelio Fernández-Castilla*  
Director, Technical Assistance Team  
United Nations Population Fund, Mexico

**The status of older persons as viewed from the perspective of governmental networks**

*Pedro Arroyo*, President  
National Institute of Geriatrics and Gerontology  
Venezuela

*Pedro Borda*  
Director, National Institute for Older Adults  
Mexico

**The status of older persons as viewed from the perspective of civil society**

*Lucio Díaz*  
Red TIEMPOS

*Valerie Mealla*  
Regional Representative  
HelpAge International

9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Discussion

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
**Coffee break**

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  
**INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL STRATEGY**

Moderator:  
*Marta Beatriz Rondón*  
Director-General, Adult Older Persons Department  
Ministry of Women and Social Development  
Peru

Panelists:  
*Manuel Sánchez Montañés*  
Executive Secretary, Ibero-American Intergovernmental Technical Cooperation Network  
Spain
Josefina Carbonell
Assistant Secretary for Ageing
Department of Health and Human Services
United States of America

Alexandre Kalache
Chief, Ageing and Health Programme
World Health Organization

12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Discussion
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Lunch
3:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. Presentation of the Regional Strategy for Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Adoption of the Regional Strategy
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Coffee break
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Closing session

Rodrigo Egaña Baraona
Under-Secretary General of the Presidency
Chile

Miguel Villa
Officer in Charge, CELADE, Population Division
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean