



## Concept Note

# **Briefing of focal points on ageing on preparations for the fifth Intergovernmental Regional Conference on ageing and the rights of older persons in Latin America and the Caribbean**

**6 October 2022  
(Virtual Meeting)**

Population ageing is one of the main global demographic phenomena due to an increase in the number of older persons, as well as a longer life span, posing new challenges for societies and important challenges in terms of public policies. These challenges prompted the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing in 2002. The fourth five-year review and appraisal of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing will take place at the global level in 2023 within the framework of the 61st session of the United Nations Commission for Social Development.

The regional review of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing will be held at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in Santiago, Chile, from 13 to 15 December 2022, within the framework of the Fifth Intergovernmental Regional Conference on Ageing and the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean. In this regional meeting, which will be held in a hybrid format (face-to-face and virtual), the discussion will be based on the national reports already carried out by the various countries of the region, as well as on the regional report that ECLAC will present in the framework of the fourth review and appraisal cycle of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing. The fourth five-year review and appraisal constitutes a propitious opportunity to assess the progress that has been made in recent years in the region on the priority areas defined by the Madrid International Plan of Action: older persons and development; the promotion of health and well-being in old age; and the creation of an enabling and supportive environment. The review will also make it possible to assess progress in compliance with regional agreements such as the Brasilia Declaration (2007), the San José Charter on the rights of older persons, the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development (2013), and the Declaration of Asunción (2017).

The preparatory meetings for the Fifth Conference<sup>1</sup> have served as an historic opportunity to take stock of the achievements made since 2017, integrate human rights, gender and intercultural approaches, the institutionalization processes, the pending challenges for the next five years, and have also made it possible to incorporate the analysis of the responses of States to face the crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, which, unquestionably, specifically affected older persons in the region.

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<sup>1</sup> Three preparatory activities were held in 2021, on 26 August " Meeting to present the Guide for the preparation of the country report on the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing", on September 16 " Reunión con OSC para la presentación de la Guía para la elaboración del informe país sobre la implementación del Plan de Acción Internacional de Madrid sobre el Envejecimiento" and finally on November 18 in the Preparatory meeting for the Fifth Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing and the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean .

<https://www.cepal.org/es/subsidiary-bodies/regional-intergovernmental-conference-ageing-rights-persons>

Bearing this background in mind and taking into account the Resolution approved by the Economic and Social Council (E/RES/2020/8) on the Modalities for the fourth review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (2002), ECLAC, in its role as Technical Secretariat of the Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing and the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean, invites Member States and their focal points on ageing to a **Virtual Briefing** on the Fifth Conference, with the objective of informing the date and modality of the meeting, the main topics to be addressed, and to explain how the participation of country delegations and civil society of older persons will be planned.

## MEETING AGENDA

### 6 October 2022 (Chile time)

11:00 – 11:20 a.m. **Opening remarks**

- *Luis Yáñez, Secretary of the Commission, ECLAC.*
- *Simone Cecchini, Director of CELADE – ECLAC Population Division*
- *UNFPA Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean*

Moderator: Pamela Villalobos, Senior Social Affairs Officer  
CELADE – Population Division of ECLAC

11:20 – 12:00 a.m. **Progress in the organization of the Fifth Regional Conference of Ageing and other substantive issues**

Zulma Sosa, Regional Advisor on Population and  
Development CELADE – Population Division of ECLAC

*Questions and queries*

12:00 – 12:30 p.m. **Space for exchanges and country consultations**

12:30 – 12: 45 p.m. **Closing remarks**

*Simone Cecchini, Director of CELADE – ECLAC Population Division*

The meeting will be held in Spanish with simultaneous interpretation into English. For questions or any additional information, please contact María Ester Novoa at : [secretariatecnica.envejecimiento@cepal.org](mailto:secretariatecnica.envejecimiento@cepal.org) and copy [mariaester.novoa@cepal.org](mailto:mariaester.novoa@cepal.org) and Juan Eduardo Faúndez, email: [juan.faundez@cepal.org](mailto:juan.faundez@cepal.org)

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### Registration information

**Topic:** "Briefing for Focal Points on Ageing on preparations for the Fifth Conference on Ageing"

**Date:** 6 October 2022 / 11:00 - 13:00 hours CLT (Santiago time)

**Meeting Number:** 831 1348 8786

**Meeting Password:** 385313

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