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## **REGIONAL SURVEY ON AGEING FOR THE GLOBAL REVIEW OF THE MADRID INTERNATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION**

The third five-yearly review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) will take place over the next year. As set out in Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Resolution 2015/5, regional reviews will take place in 2017 with a global review by the United Nations Commission for Social Development in early 2018.

In order to collect information to inform this process, ECLAC has developed this survey on the legislation, policies and programmes for older persons in your country. The survey contains questions on the measures taken to improve the economic, health and social welfare of older persons and the protection of their human rights.

As part of the review process, there will be a preparatory meeting for Caribbean member states which will precede the Fourth Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing and the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean to be held in Asuncion, Paraguay from 27 to 30 June 2017.

These meetings will assess the status of implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action (2002) and the most recent regional agreement, the San Jose Charter on the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean<sup>1</sup>. They will provide an opportunity for dialogue; networking; exchange of experiences and best practices; and will identify future priorities and policy responses.

The review of the Madrid Plan is an opportunity to assess the progress that has been made in addressing the issues discussed at the Caribbean Conference on Ageing, Elder Abuse and the Rights of Older Persons which was held in Roseau, Dominica.

It would be appreciated if you could kindly complete the attached questionnaire by 28 February 2017 and return it by email, together with relevant attachments, to Francis Jones (francis.jones@eclac.org), Statistics and Social Development Unit, ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

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<sup>1</sup> ECLAC (United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean) (2012), San Jose Charter on the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/G.2537), Santiago, Chile.

## I. NATIONAL POLICY & IMPLEMENTATION OF MIPAA/SAN JOSE CHARTER

1. Please provide information about your Government's national coordinating unit/focal point for ageing and policies for older persons (60+ years).

<b>Name of the coordinating unit/focal point</b>	
Description (including governance, main functions and activities)	
Contact information, including mailing address, telephone, email and website	

2. Does your country have a national policy or plan of action on ageing/older persons?

Yes     No

If "yes", please provide the name; the year of establishment and information on updates or revisions, if applicable. If "no", please elaborate on any effort towards the preparation and adoption of such a national policy or plan of action and/or legislation.

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Please attach a copy of any relevant documents (or links).

**3. Has there been any specific survey or research on ageing or older persons in your country since 2012?**

Yes     No

If “yes”, please provide information (focus and coverage; year of survey/research; institutions involved):

Please attach a copy of any relevant documents (or links).

**4. What are the three biggest achievements in addressing issues related to ageing and/or the rights of older persons over the last five years?**

**5. What are the most relevant issues regarding ageing and the rights of older persons that are anticipated to receive further public policy priority over the next five to ten years?**

List up to five issues.

## II. OLDER PERSONS AND DEVELOPMENT

**6. Has your Government implemented any measures<sup>2</sup> to promote the participation of older persons in policy-making and/or decision making?**

Yes     No

If “yes”, please describe the measures taken (and provide an assessment of the results):

Please attach a copy of any relevant documents (or links).

**7. Has your Government implemented any measures to strengthen social protection for older persons?**

Yes     No

If “yes”, please provide information on the policies and programmes (such as details of means-tested or universal pensions; other forms of income support or extension of social protection to informal sector workers).

Please attach a copy of any relevant documents related to the policies/programmes (or links).

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<sup>2</sup> Measures refer to any actions taken to address the specific issue or objective. Measures may include policies and/or programmes. For instance, there may be a policy that leads to the adoption of a programme which then covers a number of activities. Please provide brief information on each of the measures undertaken.

**8. Has your Government implemented any measures to promote the participation or re-entry of older workers into the labour market?**

Yes     No

If “yes”, please specify the nature of support in both informal and formal sector for both older women and older men:

Please attach a copy of any documents related to the policies/programmes.

**9. Has your Government implemented any measures to give priority and preferential treatment to the specific needs of older persons in all phases (preparedness, relief and reconstruction) of humanitarian and disaster relief programmes?**

Yes     No

If “yes”, please describe (provide names of policies/programmes, time frames and impact):

Please attach a copy of any relevant documents related to the policies/programmes (or links).

**III. ADVANCING HEALTH AND WELL-BEING INTO OLD AGE**

**10. Has your Government developed any policies or programmes to promote healthy and active ageing?**

Yes     No

If “yes”, please describe (provide names of policies/programmes, time frames and impacts):

Please attach a copy of any relevant documents related to the policies/programmes (or links).

**11. Has your Government implemented any measures to provide universal and equal access to health care services for older persons (primary, secondary and tertiary); palliative care; affordable access to essential medications and other medical devices for older persons?**

Yes     No

If “yes”, please describe (provide names of policies/programmes, time frames and impacts):

Please attach a copy of any relevant documents related to the policies/programmes (or links).

**12. Has your Government implemented any measures to improve geriatric and gerontological training for health care providers?**

Yes     No

If “yes”, please describe (provide names of policies/programmes, time frames and impacts):

Please attach a copy of any relevant documents related to the policies/programmes (or links).

**13. Has your Government implemented measures with regard to long term care of older persons (those living in institutions and those living in their own home)?**

Yes     No

If “yes”, please describe (provide names of policies/programmes, time frames and impacts):

Please attach a copy of any relevant documents related to the policies/programmes (or links).

**14. Has your Government implemented measures with regard to older persons who are living with HIV and for those who are caregivers for HIV-positive family members?**

Yes     No

If “yes”, please describe (provide names of policies/programmes, time frames and impacts):

Please attach a copy of any relevant documents related to the policies/programmes (or links).

**15. Has your Government implemented measures to support older persons with physical and/or mental disabilities, such as the provision of rehabilitation services as well as appropriate care and assistive technologies?**

Yes     No

If “yes”, please describe (provide names of policies/programmes, time frames and impacts):

Please attach a copy of any relevant documents related to the policies/programmes (or links).



**IV. ENSURING ENABLING AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS**

**16. Has your Government implemented any measures to ensure that older persons enjoy adequate housing, are able to remain in their own homes, and retain their independence?**

Yes     No

If “yes”, please describe (provide names of policies/programmes, time frames and impacts):

Please attach a copy of any relevant documents related to the policies/programmes (or links).

**17. Has your Government improved availability of accessible and affordable transportation to improve older persons’ mobility?**

Yes     No

If “yes”, please describe (provide names of policies/programmes, time frames and impacts):

Please attach a copy of any relevant documents related to the policies/programmes (or links).

**18. Has your Government implemented any measures to develop training programmes for formal and informal caregivers for older people, including an accreditation system?**

Yes     No

If “yes”, please describe (provide names of policies/programmes, time frames and impacts):

Please attach a copy of any relevant documents related to the policies/programmes (or links).

**19. Has your Government implemented any measures to establish standards and monitoring mechanisms to ensure the quality of older persons’ care services?**

Yes     No

If “yes”, please describe (provide names of policies/programmes, time frames and impacts):

Please attach a copy of any relevant documents related to the policies/programmes (or links).

**20. Has your Government implemented measures to support families, especially older women, in taking care of older persons?**

Yes  No

If “yes”, please describe (provide names of policies/programmes, time frames and impacts):

Please attach a copy of any relevant documents related to the policies/programmes (or links).

**21. Has your Government implemented measures to address neglect, abuse and violence against older persons?**

Yes  No

If “yes”, please describe (provide names of policies/programmes, time frames and impacts):

Please attach a copy of any relevant documents related to the policies/programmes (or links).

**22. Has your Government implemented measures to address financial exploitation of older persons (either by relatives or non-relatives)?**

Yes     No

If “yes”, please describe (provide names of policies/programmes, time frames and impacts):

Please attach a copy of any relevant documents related to the policies/programmes (or links).

**23. Has your Government implemented measures to enhance the public recognition of older persons as regards their human rights, their authority, wisdom, productivity and other important contributions to society?**

Yes     No

If “yes”, please describe (provide names of policies/programmes, time frames and impacts):

Please attach a copy of any relevant documents related to the policies/programmes (or links).

#### IV. HUMAN RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS

**24. What are the main legislative reforms implemented in the last five years regarding the human rights of older persons?**

Indicate the law or regulation and the main human rights protected:

**25. Please indicate whether your country has made progress in the development of new laws protecting the human rights of older persons.**

If yes, please detail current situation and plans.

**26. Please indicate whether your country includes the situation of older persons in the reports submitted to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as set out in Comment 6 of 1995 or to other Committees created by international human rights treaties, such as the Human Rights Committee (UN) or the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (UN).**

**27. Indicate the legislative, judicial, administrative, educational and other measures taken by the country to disseminate and implement international and regional norms and standards that protect the basic rights and fundamental freedoms of older persons.**

Please detail measures (provide names of policies and programs, dates and impact):

**28. Indicate whether your country has adequate judicial, administrative or other procedures to present, investigate and resolve complaints regarding compliance with laws, policies and plans for ageing.**

If so, please provide information on these procedures.

**29. What are the human rights of older persons which should be more strongly protected in a United Nations instrument in each of the following areas?**

a.) Autonomy and independence

  
  

b.) Violence against older persons

  
  

c.) Equality and non-discrimination?

**This survey was completed by:**  
**(Please indicate details of the focal point and the name of all other Ministries/agencies involved in the completion of the questionnaire).**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_