Ageing in the Twenty-First Century: A Celebration and A Challenge

Proportion of population aged 60 or over in 2012 and 2050

Number of people aged 60 or over: World, developed and developing countries, 1950-2050

Population aged 0-4, 0-14 and aged 60 or over, 1950-2050

Ten priority actions to maximize the opportunity of ageing populations

1. Recognize the inevitability of population ageing and the need to adequately prepare all stakeholders for the growing numbers of older persons.
2. Ensure that all older persons can live with dignity and security, enjoying access to essential health and social services and a minimum income.
3. Support communities and families to develop support systems which ensure that frail older persons receive the long-term care.
4. Invest in young people today by promoting healthy habits, and ensuring education and employment opportunities, access to health services.
5. Support international and national efforts to develop comparative research on ageing.
6. Mainstream ageing into all gender policies and gender into ageing policies.
7. Ensure inclusion of ageing and the needs of older persons in all national development policies and programmes.
8. Ensure inclusion of ageing and the needs of older persons in national humanitarian response, climate change mitigation and adaptation plans, and disaster management and preparedness programmes.
9. Ensure that ageing issues are adequately reflected in the post-2015 development agenda.
10. Develop a new rights-based culture of ageing and a change of mindset and societal attitudes towards ageing and older persons.

The emergence of aged economies

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