

REGIONAL FORUM

ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UNECE REGION

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TOWARDS AGE-FRIENDLY SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Side event on 28 March, 15h00-16h30 CET, online

Background and Rationale

Cities and communities across the UNECE region work to make their communities better places to grow old – by placing older people at the centre of the decision-making process and addressing several domains of action to create age-friendly environments. These include enhancing accessibility of built environment and services, opportunities for social participation, intergenerational exchange, and inclusion. The side event, co-organised by WHO and UNECE, will showcase good practice of vertical collaboration between national and local levels in developing and sustaining age-friendly cities and communities. Speakers will include representatives of national programmes/networks in the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities, as well as local champions. The event will introduce new WHO Guidance for strengthening or establishing such national programmes. Aligned with the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing, 2021-2030, the event will put a spotlight on the social dimension of sustainable development to "leave no-one behind" and highlight the importance of platforms to nurture partnerships, demonstrating the synergies between SDG 11 and 17.

Session objectives and expected outcomes

This 90-minute side event will:

- Demonstrate how age-friendly cities and communities are a crucial investment towards sustainable development for all ages, with people meaningfully engaged in the decisions and actions impacting sustainable development
- Showcase concrete actions - from local to regional to national levels - that the global age-friendly community is developing to foster intergenerational solidarity and ensure communities that foster the abilities of older people for this and future generations, including in times of crisis
- Highlight the importance of platforms to nurture partnerships, demonstrating the synergies between SDG 11 and 17.

Organizers

Lead organizers: UNECE and WHO

Contributors: WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities

Agenda and Structure

Tuesday 28 March, 15h00-16h30 CET (WebEx)

- Opening and Welcome Remarks by representatives of UNECE Standing Working Group on Ageing and the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities (10 mins)
- Inspirational Talk by an Older People's leader (10 mins)
- Moderated Panel Discussion between national and local age-friendly city leaders (45 mins)
- Q&A with participants (15 mins)
- Key messages and closing (10 mins)

List of Panellists

To be provided soon.

Picture & Promotional Materials

For more information on the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities
<https://extranet.who.int/agefriendlyworld/who-network/>

Registration Link

Register for the side event [here](#).