



# Joint Expert Group Meeting Older Persons and Intergenerational Solidarity

**10-11 October 2023**

10 October: 09:00 to 15:30, Bangkok time

11 October: 09:00 to 16:30, Bangkok time

Hybrid, Meeting Room-H, United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok [by invitation only]

## TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

(5 October 2023)

<b>Tuesday, 10 October 2023</b>	
08:30-09:00	Participants join in person or via Zoom
09:00-09:30	<p><b>Opening Session</b></p> <p><b>Opening and Welcome Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Srinivas Tata, Director, Social Development Division, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)</li> </ul> <p><b>Overview of the meeting and introduction of participants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Julia Ferre, Social Affairs Officer, Programme on Ageing Section, Social Inclusion and Participation Branch, Division for Inclusive Social Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)</li> </ul>
09:30-10:30 (60 minutes)	<p><b>Session 1: Ageing and intergenerational solidarity – setting the stage</b></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Paul Ong, Chief Strategy Officer, Tsao Foundation, Singapore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Aliye Mosaad, Social Affairs Officer, Programme on Ageing Section, Social Inclusion and Participation Branch, Division for Inclusive Social Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) <i>Overview of intergenerational solidarity in relevant policy instruments, 20+ years after the adoption and endorsement of the Political Declaration and the MIPAA.</i></li> <li>• Mr. Eduardo Klien, Regional Representative, HelpAge International, Asia-Pacific Regional Office, Thailand <i>Lessons learned on intergenerational solidarity from overseeing programmes and partnerships in Asia and the Pacific.</i></li> <li>• Mr. Andrew Byrnes, Emeritus Professor of International Law and Human Rights, University of South Wales, Australia <i>Issues of Intersectionality and intergenerational solidarity.</i></li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
10:30-10:45	<b>A group photo and break</b>

<p>10:45-12:00 (75 minutes)</p>	<p><b>Session 2: Key concepts and overview of intergenerational solidarity for Asia and the Pacific</b></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Karen Gomez Dumpit, Chair of the Philippine Working Group for an ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism, Philippines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Bethany Brown, Independent Human Rights Expert, USA (virtual) <i>Human rights, intergenerational solidarity and future generations.</i></li> <li>• Mr. Rintaro Mori, Regional Adviser, Population Ageing and Sustainable Development, Asia and the Pacific Regional Office, UNFPA (virtual) <i>A life course approach to intergenerational solidarity.</i></li> <li>• Ms. Bussarawan (Puk) Teerawichitchainan, Associate Professor and Co-Director, Centre for Family and Population Research, National University of Singapore, Singapore) (virtual) <i>Intergenerational solidarity in Asia and the Pacific: an overview.</i></li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
<p>12:00-13:15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lunch Break</b></p>
<p>13:15-14:15 (60 minutes)</p>	<p><b>Session 3: Economic perspectives on intergenerational solidarity</b></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Simon Brimblecombe, Chief Technical Adviser, ILO Bangkok</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Makiko Matsumoto, Employment Specialist, ILO Bangkok <i>Intergenerational employment dynamics and labour market resilience in Asia and the Pacific.</i></li> <li>• Ms. Wassana Im-Em, Regional Technical Specialist on Population and Development, United Nations Population Fund, Asia and the Pacific Regional Office <i>Generational economy in the context of demographic diversity in Asia and the Pacific.</i></li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
<p>14:15-14:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Break</b></p>
<p>14:30-15:30 (60 minutes)</p>	<p><b>Session 4: Country-specific cases on intergenerational solidarity with a focus on gender and pensions</b></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Tengku Aizan Hamid, Gerontologist and Independent Expert, Malaysia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Chan Narith, Undersecretary of State of the Ministry of Economy and Finance and Secretary-General of the National Social Protection Council, Cambodia (Virtual) <i>Strengthening future and present pensions: A Cambodian perspective.</i></li> <li>• Ms. Shen Ke, Professor of Demography, Fudan University, China <i>The gender equation: Pensions and care across generations.</i></li> <li>• Mr. Simon Brimblecombe, Chief Technical Adviser, ILO Bangkok <i>Actuarial input into improving gender outcomes and strengthening intergenerational solidarity in pension provision.</i></li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>

<b>Wednesday, 11 October 2023</b>	
08:30-09:00	Participants join in person or via Zoom
09:00-10:15 (75 minutes)	<p><b>Session 5: Policy innovations and realities in health, long-term care, and family support</b></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Marco Roncarati, Social Affairs Officer, Sustainable Demographic Transition Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Thaworn Sakunphanit, Vice Chairperson, Foundation for Research Institute on Social Protection and Health (FRoSPaH), Thailand <i>Overview of policy approaches to long-term care, support services, and family support in Asia and the Pacific.</i></li> <li>• Mr. Paul Ong, Chief Strategy Officer, Tsao Foundation, Singapore <i>The Singaporean model: A journey through intergenerational support systems.</i></li> <li>• Dr. Ryosuke Fukuda, Director, Planning and Coordination Office for Training of Physicians, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan (virtual) <i>What Japan can teach us about intergenerational solidarity in relation to long-term care.</i></li> <li>• Ms. Aminath Jameel, Chief Executive Officer, Aged Care Services Maldives, Maldives <i>Aged care and intergenerational solidarity in Small Island Developing States (SIDS): A case of the Maldives.</i></li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
10:15-10:45	<b>Break</b>
10:45-11:45 (60 minutes)	<p><b>Session 6: Home and community - The fabric of intergenerational living</b></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Napaphat Satchanawakul, Social Affairs Officer, Sustainable Demographic Transition Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Tengku Aizan Hamid, Gerontologist and Independent Expert, Malaysia <i>Exploring living arrangements and intergenerational networks.</i></li> <li>• Mr. Waqar Shahid Puri, Senior Program Manager, Transforming Communities for Inclusion (TCI), Pakistan <i>Ageing in place: Crafting supportive communities and holistic policies.</i></li> <li>• Ms. Aidai Kadyrova, Director, Babushka Adoption Foundation, Kyrgyzstan <i>Voices from Central Asia: Intergenerational insights and experiences from Kyrgyzstan.</i></li> <li>• Ms. Karen Gomez Dumpit, Chair of the Philippine Working Group for an ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism, Philippines <i>Filial-piety laws in the Asia and Pacific region.</i></li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
11:45-13:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>

<p>13:00-14:00 (60 minutes)</p>	<p><b>Session 7: Lifelong learning - Bridging age gaps through education</b></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Aliye Mosaad, Social Affairs Officer, Programme on Ageing Section, Social Inclusion and Participation Branch, Division for Inclusive Social Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Mo Wang, Programme Specialist, UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (virtual) <i>Promoting intergenerational exchanges in the area of life-long learning.</i></li> <li>• Ms. Siu Ling Maureen Tam, Professor and Head, Elder Academy, The Education University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China <i>Hong Kong's approach to lifelong learning across generations.</i></li> <li>• Ms. Aminta Permpoonwiwat, Chancellor's Scholar, Vanderbilt University, USA (virtual, youth speaker) <i>The power of intragenerational and intergenerational learning.</i></li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
<p>14:00-14:15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Break</b></p>
<p>14:15-15:15 (60 minutes)</p>	<p><b>Session 8: Good practices and climate action in intergenerational solidarity</b></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Eduardo Klien, Regional Representative, HelpAge International, Asia-Pacific Regional Office, Thailand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Tran Bich Thuy, Country Director, HelpAge International, Viet Nam <i>Intergenerational self-help clubs in Viet Nam.</i></li> <li>• Dr. Prakash Tyagi, Executive Director, GRAVIS, India <i>Climate action in Asia and the Pacific: Examples of intergenerational solidarity.</i></li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
<p>15:15 -16:15</p>	<p><b>Session 9: Interactive discussion on policy recommendations</b></p> <p>Moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Julia Ferre, Social Affairs Officer, Programme on Ageing Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)</li> <li>• Ms. Vanessa Steinmayer, Population Affairs Officer, Sustainable Demographic Transition Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP</li> </ul>
<p>16:15-16:30</p>	<p><b>Closing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Sabine Henning, Chief, Sustainable Demographic Transition Section, Social Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)</li> </ul>