



**Engagement of civil society organizations and other non-government stakeholders in  
the Asia-Pacific Fifth Review and Appraisal of  
the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing  
(30 March 2026)**

***I. Background***

The [Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002](#) (MIPAA) was adopted by the Second World Assembly on Ageing, held in Madrid from 8 to 12 April 2002, and endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution [57/167](#) of 18 December 2002. It put forth a bold new agenda of “building a society for all ages”. It focuses on three priority areas: older persons and development; advancing health and well-being into old age; and ensuring the existence of enabling and supportive environments.

Article 17 of MIPAA recognizes and highlights the importance of a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach to its implementation, follow-up and review and appraisal:

“Governments have the primary responsibility for providing leadership on ageing matters and on the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002, but effective collaboration between national and local Governments, international agencies, older persons themselves and their organizations, other parts of civil society, including non-governmental organizations and the private sector, is essential. The implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002, will require the partnership and involvement of many stakeholders: professional organizations, corporations; workers and worker organizations; cooperatives, research, academic and other educational and religious institutions; and the media.”

In 2006, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) issued [Guidelines](#) for the review and appraisal of MIPAA at the nation level, using a bottom-up participatory approach. These provide ideas and practical examples to be used by national Governments in carrying out whole-of-government and whole-of-society reviews and appraisals of MIPAA.

MIPAA has been reviewed at the global, regional and national levels four times since its adoption. The fifth regional and global reviews and appraisals are forthcoming in 2026 and 2027, respectively ([ECOSOC resolution 2025/8](#) and [GA resolution 79/147](#)). The General Assembly and ECOSOC have regularly followed up on population ageing and provided a strong mandate to the regional commissions “in assisting Governments, at their request, in the implementation, follow-up and national monitoring of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 ...” (Article 18 of MIPAA).

Population ageing and the situation of older persons have also been addressed in other United Nations norm-setting documents at the global and regional levels, including the [Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development](#), the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#), the [2013 Asian-Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development](#), the [Decade of Healthy Ageing](#), the [Pact for the Future](#), the [Doha Political Declaration](#) and the [ASEAN Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Ageing](#).

## **II. Asia-Pacific Fifth Review and Appraisal of MIPAA**

In accordance with [GA resolution 79/147](#) and [ECOSOC resolution 2025/8](#), the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), supported by regional partners, is organizing the intergovernmental meeting on the Fifth Review and Appraisal of MIPAA at the United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand, from 16 to 18 June 2027.

As part of this review and appraisal, ESCAP, in close partnership with non-government stakeholders, will organize stakeholder consultations on the priority directions of MIPAA. Main findings and recommendations of the consultations will be summarized in a short paper and made available on the website of the Asia-Pacific Fifth Review and Appraisal. The objective of these consultations is to bring the bottom-up participatory approach of the review and appraisal of MIPAA to the regional level and identify challenges and opportunities of population ageing, share good practices and provide opportunities for networking and capacity-building among stakeholders that transcend national boundaries.

On the Fifth Review and Appraisal in Asia and the Pacific, ESCAP will also work with the Asia-Pacific RCP Networking Group of Focal Points on Ageing which it chairs.

More information on the Fifth Review and Appraisal is posted here: <https://www.population-trends-asiapacific.org/population-ageing/mipaa/fifth-review> (the website will be updated regularly)

### **A. Identifying stakeholders**

Throughout 2026-2027, ESCAP will compile and update a list of non-government stakeholders working on population ageing and issues related to older persons in Asia and the Pacific. Also included in the list are NGOs in the region in consultative status with ECOSOC working on older persons' issues and NGOs which participated in the Fourth Asia-Pacific Review and Appraisal of MIPAA.

More generally, following the definition of stakeholders in MIPAA and DESA guidelines on the bottom-up participatory approach to MIPAA review and appraisal, the group of stakeholders includes: older persons, civil society, the private sector, national academic and research institutions, and the media (see also Article 17 of MIPAA). Given the intergenerational aspects of population ageing, young people and their respective organizations will also be included, as appropriate. Thematic and geographic representation, scope of mandate and gender will be recognized when selecting stakeholders in the consultations and will be invited to the intergovernmental meeting, including its Stakeholder Forum. Rules and regulations for intergovernmental processes will determine stakeholder engagement during the intergovernmental meeting of the Fifth Review and Appraisal of MIPAA in Asia and the Pacific.

A Stakeholder Advisory Group on Ageing, co-led by the Tsao Foundation and other stakeholders from Asia and the Pacific, will be formed (following an open call to participate in this group made at the briefing of stakeholders in April 2026). The Advisory Group will help co-lead stakeholder engagement for the Asia-Pacific Fifth Review and Appraisal process.

### **B. Next steps in engaging with stakeholders**

A **virtual briefing** will take place in April 2026. It will provide an opportunity for ESCAP and some of its regional partners to brief stakeholders about the forthcoming consultations and overall plans for the Fifth Review and Appraisal of MIPAA in Asia and the Pacific. It will also include an

open Q&A session and help identify entry points for stakeholders to engage in the regional review and appraisal process.

Following the briefing, **stakeholder consultations** will be organized from May 2026 to March 2027, focusing on the priority directions of MIPAA, namely:

- a. Older persons and development
- b. Advancing health and well-being into old age
- c. Ensuring enabling and supportive environments

Emerging issues such as intergenerational solidarity; climate change; care; digital transformation and the future of work will be discussed as well. Gender considerations and concerns related to older persons with disabilities will be mainstreamed. In general, the discussion topics will follow the main issues identified in the MIPAA survey<sup>1</sup>.

The consultations will be held virtually, and Chatham House rules will be observed.

To ensure consistency, all consultations will use the same template for the concept note and programme. ESCAP, with support from the Stakeholder Advisory Group on Ageing (see above), co-led by the Tsao Foundation and other members of the Advisory Group, as well as members of the Asia-Pacific RCP Networking Group of Focal Points on Ageing will co-organize stakeholder consultations. This would involve the drafting of concept notes, setting the agenda, drafting guiding questions, identifying speakers, moderators and note-takers and taking a lead role in the organization and running of the consultations.

A report will be produced following each consultation, which will capture the key issues and recommendations raised during the discussions. The reports of the consultations will be summarized in one short report made available on the website of the Asia-Pacific Fifth Review and Appraisal of MIPAA.

Time permitting and if requested, there will be **additional briefings of stakeholders** throughout the Review and Appraisal process.

There might be a **Stakeholder Forum** just prior to the intergovernmental meeting on the Asia-Pacific Fifth Review and Appraisal of MIPAA (15 June 2027, modality and location TBD).

More information on the elements of the stakeholder engagement process will be provided in due course and posted on the ESCAP website at: <https://www.population-trends-asiapacific.org/population-ageing/mipaa/fifth-review>.

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<sup>1</sup> In January 2026, ESCAP launched a voluntary national survey with its members States, asking them to assess the implementation of MIPAA in their national context (see: <https://www.population-trends-asiapacific.org/population-ageing/mipaa/fifth-review>).

**Tentative timeline for stakeholder engagement related to the Fifth Review and Appraisal of MIPAA in Asia and the Pacific**

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| April 2026 and other times (as required) | • Briefings of stakeholders (virtual)  |
| May 2026 - March 2027                    | • Stakeholder consultations (virtual)  |
| 15 June 2027                             | • Stakeholder Forum (modality and location TBD)  |
| 16-18 June 2027                          | • Asia-Pacific Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) (UNCC, Bangkok) |

**C. Modalities for stakeholder engagement during the intergovernmental meeting on the Asia-Pacific Fifth Review and Appraisal of MIPAA**

In addition to the stakeholder consultations and briefings, ESCAP will facilitate the participation of stakeholders in the official agenda of the Asia-Pacific Fifth Review and Appraisal meeting, inter alia, through: (a) inviting stakeholders as expert roundtable panellists and (b) enabling oral interventions of stakeholders in line with the rules of procedure of the Commission. Joint statements by stakeholders are encouraged. Stakeholders are invited to organize side events, including in collaboration with other stakeholders, ESCAP member States, United Nations entities and others. UN rules and regulations of organizing intergovernmental meetings will be observed when engaging with stakeholders during the intergovernmental meeting of the Fifth Review and Appraisal of MIPAA in Asia and the Pacific.

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