

STAKEHOLDER GROUP ON AGEING

Reinforcing major groups and other stakeholders' participation in the High Level Political Forum for the Sustainable Development Goals

Key Recommendations

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Excellencies and Friends:

Ageism is still a generally unrecognized discrimination. Older persons are among the most invisible and least included. While great strides have been made to ensure inclusion of the current 830 million older persons into the sustainable development agenda, the HLPF must monitor its implementation to ensure that older persons are not left behind.

1. **Older Persons as Protected Class** --- As implementation of the HLPF evolves, in every relevant instance, older persons must be specified as a group worthy of protection from discrimination. Adequate resources must be allocated to achieve their social and economic development.
2. **Robust Participation** --- Submission of the maximum number of complete national reports is central to the success of the Sustainable Development Goals. The HLPF must create easily accessible, robust mechanisms for global, national, local participation by *all* sectors of civil society, particularly addressing the unique circumstances of older persons. Therefore, adequate resources must be provided to ensure full participation *across the life course*.
3. **Data Disaggregation/Age** --- Effective policy, programs and management depend on accurate, reliable and accessible information. We call upon the HLPF to seek age-disaggregated data throughout the UN system, both globally and nationally.
4. **Linkages with other Processes** --- The HLPF must also reinforce and strengthen the inter-linkages between the SDG Framework and other global processes. Realizing the SDGs is possible only alongside realization of existing commitments - on human rights, gender equality, equity, economic and social development and environmental justice. In particular, the Financing for Development process should explicitly include older people.
5. **Embedding Ageing in the HLPF** --- Leaving no one behind is an enormous commitment. We call upon the structure of the HLPF to embed the concerns of older persons, at all levels, now and in the future, as one of the essential groups within the constellation of Major Groups and Other Stakeholders. Together, let's lift the veil of invisibility of the rights and needs of older persons.

Let's End Ageism Now.

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