

Will the United Nations Once Again Overlook Ageing?

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Overview of Presentation

- Background and overview of SDGs 2015-Mary Mayer
- Process of Open Working Groups- Cynthia Stuen
- Role of NGOs – Helen Hamlin
- Local Country involvement- Valerie Levy

What are the Sustainable Development Goals?

- At UN Conference on Sustainable Development (RIO+20) held in Rio de Janeiro in June, 2012, 193 UN Member States created an inclusive and transparent process to develop global sustainable development goals (SDGs).
- The Post-2015 Development Agenda to succeed the MDGs, which expire in 2015, must include economic, social and environmental considerations.
- Age and gender measures must be included as indicators to ensure attention to older people!

Open Working Group (OWG) Themes and Meetings at UN

- #1: OWG established by General Assembly (January 2013)
- #2: Poverty eradication (April 2013)
- #3: Food Security and Nutrition, sustainable Agriculture, Desertification, Land Degradation, and Drought, Water and Sanitation (May, 2013)

#4: Employment and Decent Work, Social Protection, Education and Culture, Health and Sustainable Development, Population Dynamics (June, 2013)

#5: Sustained and Inclusive Growth, Infrastructure Development, and Industrialization, Macroeconomic Policy Questions, Energy (November, 2013)

#6: Means of Implementation, Global Partnership for achieving sustainable development, Needs of countries in special situations land-locked developing countries, small island developing states as well as specific challenges facing the middle-income countries, Human rights, the right to development, global governance (December, 2013)

#7: Sustainable cities and human settlements, sustainable transport, Sustainable consumption and production, Climate change and disaster risk eradication (January, 2014)

#8: Oceans and seas, forests, biodiversity, Promoting equality, gender equality and women's empowerment, Conflict prevention, post-conflict peacebuilding and the promotion of durable peace rule, rule of law and governance (February, 2014)

Meetings and input ongoing

- After last OWG Thematic session, further OWGs conducted to address various focus areas and themes arising out of the Thematic OWGs.
- Member states and NGO stakeholders had opportunities for input.
- Report due to General Assembly, September 2014.

Major Groups(9)

- Business and industry
- Children and Youth
- Indigenous Peoples
- Local Authorities
- Scientific and Technological
- Women
- Workers and Trade Unions
- Farmers
- NGOs (Non Governmental Organizations)

Other Stakeholders

- Disabilities Community
- Volunteer
- Ageing People (NGO Committee on Ageing)
- Financing and Development
- Social movement/People's goals
- Beyond 2015
- GCAP

World We Want

- Participate in shaping the future of the World We Want.
- Visit www.worldwewant.org and provide your input.
 - Key challenges of older people?
 - What can SDG agenda do to change lives of current and future generations of older people?
 - What would you like to say to heads of state about population ageing and Post 2015 framework?