



COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, 29 January – 7 February 2018

- Discussions included the **Third Review of MIPAA**, which was adopted in 2002. The Commission's recommendations included:
 - use of MIPAA as a tool for implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
 - recognition of the potential of older persons and their contribution to the functioning of societies
 - need to combat ageism and discrimination
 - action to be taken on disaggregated data; pension policies; health care (including long-term care and palliative care, non-communicable diseases); education and technological skills
 - protection of the rights of older persons
- The NGO CoA provided key points for members to raise during side events.
- Because it was the year for review of MIPAA, there were many side events dealing with issues of concern to older persons. The NGO co-sponsored the following two side events:
 - Ageism, a prejudice against our future selves (organized by IFA)
 - Why are digital skills critical for older persons (organized by DESA).
- AARP also held its annual briefing series on "Taking a Different Course for a World Free of Poverty"
- Report of the Commission, with the resolution on MIPAA will be on the NGO COA website as soon as it is available.

STATISTICAL COMMISSION, 6-9 March 2018 - BIG NEWS !

The Statistical Commission, at its 49th session held 6-9 March 2018, has approved the establishment of the Titchfield Group (UK) on ageing-related statistics and age-disaggregated data. It is the 10th of such "City Groups" currently addressing specific thematic challenges in the development and implementation of statistical methodologies.

The overall objective of the Titchfield Group is to develop standardized tools and methods for producing both data disaggregated by age and ageing-related data, and to encourage countries to do so, by playing a leading role in the development and communication of new standards and methodologies. Existing issues and deficits in data on ageing will be addressed. See report here: <http://undocs.org/E/CN.3/2018/19>

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, 12-23 March 2018

- **Theme** – challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls.
- **Outcome document, called the Agreed Conclusions**, for the first time had two stand-alone paragraphs on older women:
 - “The Commission recognizes the contributions of older women, including widowed women, to households and communities, especially in cases where they are left behind by migrating adults or as a result of other socio-economic factors to assume childcare, household and agricultural responsibilities.” (para. 40)
 - “The Commission urges Governments and [civil society organizations] to promote and protect the rights of older women in rural areas by ensuring their equal access to social, legal, and financial services, infrastructure, health care, social protection, and economic resources and their full and equal participation in decision-making” (para. 46 (bbb)).
- The NGO CoA submitted suggestions to the United Nations Group of Friends of Older Persons which worked tirelessly to ensure adequate referencing of older women and widows.
- The NGO CoA also worked with the Soroptimists International (NGO that promotes education and empowerment of women and girls) on the text of the Agreed Conclusions.
- The NGO CoA prepared a Flyer [here](#) for members to distribute and use as and when they had the opportunity to raise issues of concern to older women, at side and parallel events.
 - The NGO CoA co-sponsored the parallel event titled: Rural Older Women/ Widows: beyond poverty and violence: programs/policies, organized by INPEA.
- Final version of the Agreed Conclusions will be posted on our website as soon as the document becomes available.

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