

International Conference

'Population Ageing. Towards an Improvement of the Quality of Life?'

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Provisional programme

Welcoming remarks	9.30
1.- Population ageing. A global phenomenon with many faces	
Ronald C. Schoenmaeckers (Belgium)	10.00
2.- The implications of an older population structure for Africa	
Mathias Kuepie [Cameroon], <i>Participation au marché du travail et sources de revenus alternatifs</i>	10.20
Yaro Yacouba [Burkina Faso], <i>Implication dans la production et la redistribution au sein des ménages</i>	10.40
Coffee break	11.00
3.- Population ageing in Europe. Lessons drawn from EU-projects	
Jolanta Berek-Bialas [Poland]	11.30
4.- Residential care or home care?	
Lieve Vanderleyden [Belgium], <i>De situatie in Vlaanderen</i>	11.50
Paulette Beka & Serge Drisse [Belgium], <i>La situation en Wallonie</i>	12.10
Discussions from the floor	12.30
Lunch break	13.00
5.- The extra burden for women of ageing in a poor economic environment	
Nana Apt [Ghana]	14.00
6.- The AIDS pandemic in a poor and ageing society	
Isabella Aboderin [Nigeria], <i>Health Systems, HIV/AIDS, and the Development agenda in Africa: Implications for ageing populations</i>	14.20
Tavengwa Nhongo [Zimbabwe] and Doline Olanga Busolo [Kenya], <i>The impact of HIV/AIDS on older people in the African setting</i>	14.40
7.- Budgetary sustainability of ageing: Belgian and European answers	
Micheline Lambrecht [Belgium]	15.00
8.- The response of the international community	
Alexandre Sidorenko [UN], <i>The Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing: concept, goal and actions</i>	15.20
Asghar Zaidi [European Centre Vienna], <i>The Madrid Declaration and the Improvement of the Quality of Life</i>	15.40
Coffee break	16.00
9.- The view of panel members followed with discussions from the floor	16.30
Closing Speech	18.00
Reception	18.15

Annotations to the programme:

1.- *Population ageing. A global phenomenon with many faces*

An explanation of the differences between regions and countries in view of the different phases of the demographic transition.

2.- *The implications of an older population structure for Africa*

The socio-economic implications, incl. labour opportunities and economic development of a changing population structure.

3.- *Population ageing in Europe. Lessons drawn from EU-projects*

An overview of the lessons that can be drawn from the various international projects, many implemented with financial support from the European Commission.

4.- *Residential care or home care?*

The choice between residential care and home care. The experiences in two regions.

5.- *The extra burden for women of ageing in a poor economic environment*

The impact of an ageing environment on the already vulnerable position of women, the implications for their role as care-providers, the repercussions on their mental and physical health, incl. RH issues.

6.- *The AIDS pandemic in a poor and ageing society*

The extra burden on the care givers and the implications for an under-equipped health system.

7.- *Budgetary sustainability of ageing: Belgian and European answers*

The response of European governments to the high costs related to an older population structure. An international comparison.

8.- *The response of the international community*

A response to the opportunities and challenges of 'Population ageing' is part of the agenda of the international community. What precise actions are foreseen in the Madrid Plan of Action on Ageing? And to what extent these responses are addressing the real challenges? What considerations to the quality of life of older people in these responses?

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