

Comments on the Draft New Urban Agenda (18 July 2016) by the Older Persons Partner Constituent Group, Habitat III General Assembly of Partners

The Older Persons Partner Constituent Group of the Habitat III General Assembly of Partners suggests the following amendments to the Draft New Urban Agenda to recognise rapidly ageing urban populations and ensure that our rights are protected and promoted throughout our lives including in our older age.

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Key Asks

- **We still strongly suggest that an additional point on the prevalence of NCDs in urban areas should be included and the role of the built environment in encouraging physical activity.**
- **We call for a clear commitment to reduce air pollution which is responsible for the deaths of over 7 million people each year globally.**
- **We support the use of rights based language, inclusion and the increase in use of age and gender responsive policies**
- **We feel that references to relevant stakeholders could be strengthened to include civil society to ensure the inclusion of those often marginalised**

Specific Language Changes - suggested additions in bold text

5	improve human health at all ages and wellbeing	
25	We commit to promote national, sub-national, and local housing policies fulfilling the right to adequate housing for all as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living that address all forms of discrimination and violence, prevent forced evictions, and focus on the needs of the homeless, persons in vulnerable situations, low income groups, older persons and persons with disabilities, while enabling participation and engagement of communities and relevant stakeholders.	Housing related vulnerability in older age should be reflected in this paragraph.
27	We commit to stimulate the supply of a variety of adequate housing options that are safe, affordable, and accessible for members of different income groups of society, taking into consideration socio-economic and cultural integration of marginalized communities, older persons , homeless persons, and persons in vulnerable situations. We will take positive measures to improve the living conditions of homeless people with a view to combat and prevent its criminalization.	Housing related vulnerability in older age should be reflected in this paragraph.
31	We commit to develop safe, inclusive,	The role of streets and public spaces in

	<p>accessible, green, and quality public spaces, including streets, sidewalks and cycling lanes, squares, waterfronts areas, gardens, and parks that are multi-functional areas for social and intergenerational interaction and inclusion, economic exchange, and cultural expression and dialogue among a wide diversity of people and cultures</p>	<p>encouraging inter-generational interaction should be highlighted.</p>
33	<p>We commit to ensure a safe, healthy, inclusive and secure environment in cities for all to live, work, and participate in urban life without fear of violence and intimidation, taking into consideration that women and girls of all ages, older persons and children and youth are often particularly affected.</p>	<p>In line with language in the SDGs, we ask that women and girls of all ages are included in this sentence, reflecting the reality that many older women are subject to violence and elder abuse.</p>
34	<p>We will also take account of population trends and projections in our national, rural and urban development strategies and policies.</p>	<p>We suggest the addition of this sentence from the 2030 Agenda at the start of paragraph 34.</p>
34	<p>We commit to embrace diversity in cities, to strengthen social cohesion, intercultural and inter-generational dialogue and understanding, tolerance, mutual respect, gender equality, innovation, inclusion, identity and safety, and the dignity of all people of all ages, as well as to foster livability and a vibrant urban economy.</p>	<p>Rapidly ageing urban populations should be recognised in this paragraph.</p>
42	<p>We commit to facilitate effective participation and collaboration among all stakeholders, including local governments, the private sector, civil society, women and youth organizations, as well as those representing persons with disabilities, older persons, indigenous peoples, professionals, academic institutions, trade unions, employers' organizations, migrant associations and others, in ascertaining the opportunities for urban economic development as well as in identifying and addressing existing and emerging challenges.</p>	<p>Older persons must be recognised as stakeholders.</p>
46	<p>We commit to generate full and</p>	<p>Older persons must be included in this</p>

	<p>productive employment, decent work, and livelihood opportunities in cities and human settlements with special attention to the needs and potential of women, youth, older persons, persons with disabilities, indigenous people, refugees and internally displaced persons, and migrants, regardless of migration status, particularly the poorest and those in vulnerable situations, and to ensure that all people have equal access to income-earning opportunities, respecting and leveraging cultural diversity and territorial specificity.</p>	<p>paragraph as most people continue working into older age, particularly in the informal sector.</p>
49	<p>We commit to generate full and productive employment, decent work, and livelihood opportunities in cities and human settlements with special attention to the needs and potential of women, youth, older persons, persons with disabilities, indigenous people, refugees and internally displaced persons, and migrants, regardless of migration status, particularly the poorest and those in vulnerable situations, and to ensure that all people have equal access to income-earning opportunities, respecting and leveraging cultural diversity and territorial specificity.</p>	<p>Older people are over-represented in the informal economy, taking on a range of roles in urban areas and consequently should be reflected in this paragraph.</p>
51	<p>We commit to recognize the working poor in the informal economy, particularly women and older persons, as contributors and legitimate actors of the urban economies, including the unpaid and domestic and care workers.</p>	<p>Older people are over-represented in the informal economy, taking on a range of roles in urban areas and are often unpaid care workers looking after spouses or children and consequently should be reflected in this paragraph.</p>
53	<p>We commit to harness the urban demographic dividend, where applicable, and promote access for youth and adults of all ages to education, skills development and employment to achieve increased productivity and shared prosperity in cities and human settlements.</p>	<p>The right to lifelong learning must be recognised.</p>
54	<p>We also commit to address the social, economic and spatial implications of ageing populations, where applicable, and harness the population ageing factor as</p>	<p>We support the addition of this significant reference to ageing populations in a paragraph that was previously only about youth. We would remove the word factor as ageing is a reality for a significant part of the</p>

	an opportunity for new jobs and growth, while improving the quality of life of a significant share of the urban population.	population.
87	We will support the implementation of urban planning strategies that facilitate a social and age appropriate mix through the provision of affordable housing options with access to quality public spaces, enhancing safety and security, favoring social and <u>intergenerational</u> interaction and the appreciation of diversity.	We support the reference to intergenerational interaction and suggest a reference to the need for a social and age appropriate mix of affordable housing options to respond to the housing insecurity many face in older age.
99	We will take measures to improve road safety and integrate it into mobility and transport infrastructure planning and design. We will promote the the 'safe system' approach called for in the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety and implementation of the United Nations vehicle safety regulations, accompanied by awareness raising initiatives, with special attention to the needs of all women and girls, as well as children and youth, <u>older persons</u> and persons with disabilities and those in vulnerable situations...	We welcome our the addition of this paragraph and suggest a reference to the safe system approach.
	Protecting and promoting health through creation of urban environments which, among other qualities, foster physical activity, reduced indoor and outdoor air pollution, access to water and sanitation, and access to healthy nutritious and affordable foods.	The NUA is largely silent on the reality of increasing rates of non communicable diseases in urban areas. We suggest the following paragraph is added in this section to increase awareness of this key issue.
	Commitment to reducing air pollution responsible for the deaths of millions each year through reductions in private vehicle use, investment in clean public transportation, promoting non motorised mobility including walking and cycling and reducing emissions from industrial activities.	The NUA is largely silent on the reality of 7 million deaths per year globally due to air pollution. We suggest the following paragraph is added in this section to increase awareness of this key issue.

Support for existing text		
Paragraph	Text	Note
10. f.	Promote <u>age</u> and gender responsive planning and investment for safe and sustainable urban mobility systems	We support the addition of age in this sentence since the zero draft.
12. c.	adopt sustainable, people-centered, <u>age</u> and gender responsive and integrated approaches to urban development	We support the addition of age in this sentence since the zero draft.
15	Particular attention should also be paid to addressing the specific challenges facing women and girls, children and youth, <u>older persons</u> , persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, grassroots organizations, informal inhabitants and workers, farmers, refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons, and migrants, regardless of migratory status.	We support the inclusion of older people in this sentence.
21	We commit to people-centered, and <u>age</u> and gender-responsive urban development, and to the realization of human rights of all, facilitating living together, combating all forms of discrimination and violence, and empowering all individuals and communities, while enabling their full and meaningful participation.	We support the inclusion of age responsive in this sentence and support the principle of combating all forms of discrimination.
26	We commit to develop integrated and <u>age</u> and gender responsive housing policies and approaches	We support the addition of age responsive in this sentence since the zero draft.
28	We further commit to ensure that these services are responsive to the rights and needs of women, children and youth, <u>older persons</u> and persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, and other persons in vulnerable situations	We support this statement and the inclusion of older persons.
29	We commit to promote increased security of tenure for all, recognizing the plurality of tenure types, and to develop fit-for-purpose, and <u>age</u> and gender responsive solutions within the continuum	We support the addition of age responsive in this sentence since the zero draft.

	of land and property rights	
36	We commit to support sub-national and local governments, as appropriate, in fulfilling their key role in strengthening the interface among all stakeholders, offering opportunities for dialogue, including through <u>age</u> and gender responsive approaches, and with particular attention to the rights and needs of, and potential contributions from, all segments of society, including men and women, children and youth, <u>older persons</u> and persons with disabilities.	We support the addition of age responsive in this sentence since the zero draft.
68	We commit to strengthen resilience of cities and human settlements, including through the development of quality of their infrastructure by adopting and implementing integrated, <u>age</u> and gender-responsive policies and plans in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030	We support the addition of age responsive in this sentence since the zero draft.
81	We will promote participatory <u>age</u> and gender responsive approaches at all stages of the urban and territorial policy and planning processes, from conceptualization to design, budgeting, implementation, monitoring, evaluation	We support the addition of age responsive in this sentence since the zero draft.
89	We will integrate disaster risk reduction, and climate change adaptation and mitigation considerations and measures into <u>age</u> and gender responsive urban and territorial development and planning processes	We support the addition of age responsive in this sentence since the zero draft.
91	land and housing price records to generate the high-quality, timely, and reliable disaggregated data by income, sex, <u>age</u> , race, ethnicity, migration status	We support the reference to age to ensure fully disaggregated data collection.
99	We will promote the implementation of the United Nations vehicle safety regulations, accompanied by awareness-raising initiatives, with special	We support the addition of older persons in this sentence since the zero draft.

	attention to the needs of women and girls, as well as children and youth, <u>older persons</u> and persons with disabilities and those in vulnerable situations.	
100	<p>We will provide access for all to safe, <u>age</u> and gender responsive, affordable, accessible, and sustainable urban mobility and land and sea transport systems, enabling meaningful participation in social and economic activities in cities and human settlements, by integrating transport and mobility plans into overall urban plans and promoting a wide range of transport and mobility options, in particular through:</p> <p>(a) Supporting a significant increase in accessible safe, efficient, affordable and sustainable infrastructure for public transport as well as non-motorized options such as walking and cycling, prioritizing them over private motorized transportation;</p>	We support the addition of age responsive in this sentence since the zero draft and the principles of increasing accessible, safe, efficient and affordable public transport and non-motorised options over motorised transportation.
135	We will promote the strengthening of the capacity of national, sub-national, and local governments, including local government associations, as appropriate, to work with women and girls, children and youth, <u>older persons</u> and persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and those in vulnerable situations as well as with civil society, the academia and research institutions, and other rights-based groups in shaping organizational and institutional governance processes, enabling them to effectively participate in urban and territorial development decision-making.	We support the reference to older persons in terms of building their capacity to participate in decision making.
144	We will support the role and enhanced capacity of sub-national and local governments in data collection, analysis and dissemination, promoting evidence-based governance, building on a shared knowledge base using both globally-comparable as well as locally-generated data, including through censuses, household surveys, population registers and other relevant sources, disaggregated by income, sex, age, race	We support the reference to age to ensure fully disaggregated data collection.

137	<u>age</u> and gender budgeting	We support the addition of age responsive in this sentence since the zero draft.
140	We will support capacity development initiatives to empower and strengthen skills and abilities of the women and girls, children and youth, <u>older person</u> and persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, as well as persons in vulnerable situations for shaping governance processes, engaging in dialogue, and promoting and protecting human rights and anti-discrimination, to ensure their effective participation in urban and territorial development decision-making.	We support the addition of older persons in this sentence since the zero draft.
141	information and communications technologies accessible to the public, including women and girls, children and youth, persons with disabilities, <u>older persons</u> and other persons in vulnerable situations, to enable them to develop and exercise civic responsibility, broadening participation and fostering responsible governance	We support the addition of older persons in this sentence since the zero draft.
142	We will support science, research, and innovation, including a focus on social, technological, digital and nature-based innovation, robust science-policy interfaces in urban and territorial planning and policy formulation, as well as institutionalized mechanisms for sharing and exchanging information, knowledge and expertise, including the collection, analysis, and dissemination of geographically-based, community-collected, high-quality timely and reliable data, disaggregated by income, sex, <u>age</u> ,	We support the reference to age to ensure fully disaggregated data collection.