

Comments on the Surabaya Draft New Urban Agenda 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 Surabaya 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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Specific Language Changes - suggested additions in bold text

Paragraph	Text	Note
5	improve human health at all ages and wellbeing	
29	focus on the needs of the homeless, persons in vulnerable situations, low income groups, older persons and persons with disabilities, while enabling participation	Housing related vulnerability in older age should be reflected in this paragraph.
31	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	Housing related vulnerability in older age should be reflected in this paragraph.
35	We commit to promote safe, inclusive, 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, human health and well-being, economic exchange, and cultural expression	The role of streets and public spaces in encouraging inter-generational interaction should be highlighted.
37	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	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.

	persons and children and youth are often particularly affected.	
38	We will also take account of population trends and projections in our national, rural and urban development strategies and policies.	We suggest the addition of this sentence from the 2030 Agenda at the start of paragraph 38.
38	We commit to embrace diversity in cities and human settlements, 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.	Rapidly ageing urban populations should be recognised in this paragraph.
46	We encourage 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	Older persons must be recognised as stakeholders.
55	We commit to generate full and productive employment, decent work for all, 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	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.
57	We commit to recognize the contribution of the informal working poor in the informal economy, particularly women and older persons , including the unpaid, domestic and care workers , and migrant workers to the urban economies	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.
59	We commit to harness the urban demographic dividend, where applicable,	The right to lifelong learning must be recognised.

	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.	
60	We commit to address the social, economic and spatial implications of ageing populations, where applicable, and harness the population ageing factor as an opportunity for new decent jobs	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 population.
96	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.