

Geneva Discussion Forum Population Issues

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Population Issues

- * Changing demographic conditions and trends
- * Mortality – historic and projected (including developments on the IAA mortality information base)
- * Implications and challenges of ageing populations



Demographic Conditions and Trends

- * Demographic transitions 1, 2 and 3
- * Mortality
 - * Increasing life expectancy (generally)
 - * Increasing (?) healthy life expectancy
 - * Morbidity transition and compression of morbidity
 - * Is there a limit to life expectancy?
 - * Impact of obesity and other health threats?



Demographic Conditions and Trends

- * Fertility
 - * Higher in some developing countries
 - * Lower in some developing, transition and developed countries
 - * Lowest low in some developing, transition and developed countries but possibly rising in some of these
 - * It is reasonable to assume that fertility rates will tend towards the replacement rate in the long run?



Demographic Conditions and Trends

- * Migration
 - * Continued volatility
 - * Impact of recession
 - * Brain drain
 - * Remittances



Demographic Conditions and Trends

Putting this all together

- * Changing age profiles
 - * Ageing populations
 - * Demographic dividends
 - * Youth bulges
- * Policies required in:
 - * Health care
 - * Employment
 - * Education
 - * Social security
 - * Pensions



Implications and Challenges of Ageing Populations

- * Increasing number of old and oldest old
- * Impact of increasing mental health issues
- * Cost of caring for older people
- * Availability of carers
 - * Reduced (in relative terms) workforce
 - * Higher female labour participation rate
 - * Sandwich generations
- * Political, social and cultural effects



Implications and Challenges of Ageing Populations

* Reactions

- * Increasing state pension age
- * Changing state pension benefits
- * Changing public service pension provision
- * Provision and funding for long term care

