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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?
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
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