

ADDRESSING THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON OLDER PERSONS

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BETTER INFORMATION

Ensure access to information about climate change in accessible formats.

Provide learning opportunities for older persons on sustainability and climate change issues affecting them.

Develop specific guidance for the participation of older persons in climate change related events.

INCLUSIVE PLANNING

Include older persons in policy and planning in order to create sustainable infrastructure that take into account their needs and rights.

Ensure that climate change and disaster risk reduction measures are age-responsive and disability-inclusive and take into account the needs and rights of older women and men.

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STRONG SOCIAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS

Ensure high quality universal health care and other social services for older persons, taking into account the impacts of climate change.

Promote capacity-building and provide quality later-in-life learning opportunities for older persons including to support climate resilient livelihoods.

KNOWLEDGE AND LEADERSHIP

Empower and promote older persons' climate action. Preserve cultural heritage and indigenous knowledge that is threatened by climate change. Incorporate it into climate solutions, with indigenous peoples' free, prior and informed consent. Ensure that the benefits of the use of such knowledge, including financial benefits, are equitably allocated.

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DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

Research the effects of climate change on older persons and their rights.

Set adequate monitoring mechanisms for programmes and policies geared towards ensuring the human rights of older persons.

Collect data disaggregated by gender, disability and age.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Take urgent, meaningful and ambitious action against climate change that protects the human rights of all, including older persons. Include their rights in relevant future international climate change decisions and facilitate their participation in national delegations to the Conferences of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Consider the adoption of an international legal instrument protecting the human rights of older persons.

Let's build a climate response that leaves no one behind!