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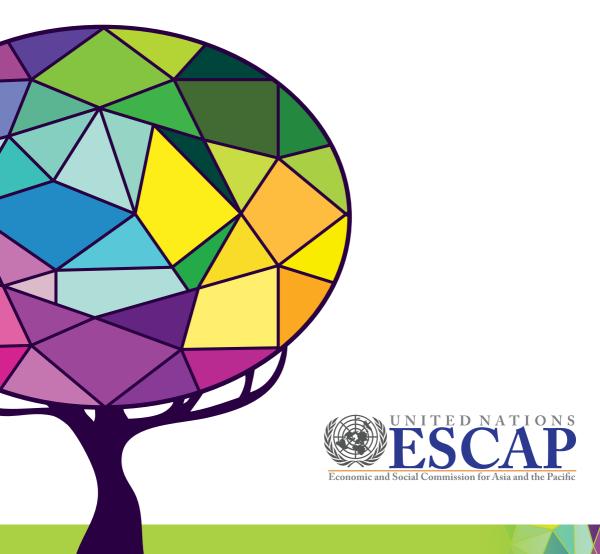
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"As we embark on shaping the post-2015 United Nations development agenda, we must envision a new paradigm that aligns demographic ageing with economic and social growth and protects the human rights of older persons. We are all — individually and collectively — responsible for the inclusion of older persons in society, whether through developing accessible transportation and communities, ensuring the availability of age-appropriate health care and social services, or providing an adequate social protection floor."

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"With foresight and adoption of the right economic and social policies, the Asia-Pacific region can successfully prepare for the ageing of societies. National development agendas can be redefined in new and creative ways by encouraging active and productive ageing as set out in the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing."

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# ASIA AND THE PACIFIC IS EXPERIENCING UNPRECEDENTED POPULATION AGEING



#### By 2050

- The number of older persons in Asia and the Pacific will almost triple
- One in four persons in Asia and the Pacific will be 60 or older

## OLDER WOMEN OUTNUMBER OLDER MEN



- Women comprise 60 per cent of the population aged 60 or older
- Gender discrimination against women is carried into old age

## AGEING WILL HAVE PROFOUND SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACTS



- Shrinking traditional workforce will affect future economic growth
- Older persons are at greater risk of poverty and marginalization

#### ENSURING HEALTHY AGEING MUST BE A PRIORITY



- Family size and structure are changing and result in less support
- Care services are inadequate to even today's needs
- Social security systems and infrastructure need to adapt

## ASIA AND THE PACIFIC CAN EFFECTIVELY PREPARE FOR AGEING SOCIETIES



- The challenge of ageing in Asia and the Pacific can be met with the adoption of the right mix of socioeconomic policies
- Social protection must take a life course approach

#### OLDER PERSONS HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN DIGNITY



- Older persons have the right to participate fully in all aspects of society
- Creating enabling environments is essential to promote active and positive ageing



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