



## Invitation

### **Toward an 'evidence revolution' on ageing: Initiatives for data collection for older people in Africa**

The Permanent Mission of Republic of Malawi to the United Nations, the Population Division and the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) would like to invite you to a side-event on **“Toward an ‘evidence revolution’ on ageing: Initiatives for data collection for older people in Africa”** on the occasion of the 49th Session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD):

The number of older persons in Africa is growing rapidly: between 2015 and 2030 the number of people aged 60 years or over in the region is projected to increase by more than 63 per cent, from 64.4 million in 2015 to 105.4 million by 2030 (United Nations, 2015). The growing numbers of older persons in Africa call for the full consideration of ageing and older people in the formulation of programmes and policies to achieve the sustainable development goals and targets. More than 10 years ago, African governments formally adopted the United Nations Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) and the African Union Policy Framework and Plan of Action on Ageing (AUPFAA). Following the adoption of MIPAA, successive sessions of the General Assembly have called upon the international community and the United Nations system to support national efforts to undertake research and data collection on ageing.

The objective of the side event is to present the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs initiatives to develop a standard methodology to produce, analyse and deliver harmonised indicators on the situation of older persons in Africa, particularly within the framework of the MIPAA and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Panellists will discuss the development of a survey instrument tailored to the situation of older persons in African countries, as well as plans to implement the survey in Malawi in 2016, with a view to subsequently applying it to other African countries. Panellists will highlight ongoing capacity building efforts in relation to the development of the survey tool on ageing, providing opportunities for statisticians, policy makers and researchers from the region to review the survey instrument and to use population data to improve evidence-based policy and programme formulation.

#### **Panellists:**

Ms. Karoline Schmid, Division for Social Policy and Development, UNDESA  
TBD, The Permanent Mission of Republic of Malawi  
TBD, The Permanent Mission of Republic of Uganda

**Venue:** Conference Room C - Conference Building

**Date:** Tuesday, 12 April 2016, **Time:** 1.15-2.30 p.m.