



# Responding to Ageing to Build inclusive Societies

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# Ageing is not only about older persons – it is about economies and societies as a whole

- ⇒ Economic growth has to be generated with a smaller and older pool of people
- ⇒ Changing consumption patterns – older people consume differently and maybe less
- ⇒ Fiscal impacts: rising public expenditure (health) and shrinking tax incomes
- ⇒ Increasing private expenditure on health in countries without universal access to healthcare – may crowd out other consumption
- ⇒ Different savings and investment behaviour

# Building inclusive societies by responding to population ageing

- ⇒ Harnessing the potential of older persons – they can contribute to society for the benefit of all
- ⇒ Increasing labour force participation of women
- ⇒ Designing policies to regular and orderly migration and integrating migrants
- ⇒ Investing in preventive healthcare to increase the quality of life of older persons starts early and will benefit all
- ⇒ Providing adequate training for care staff and making care work “decent”
- ⇒ Income security for older persons will benefit society as a whole and can contribute to sustainable economic growth

# Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA)

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Global guiding document on population ageing with 3 priority areas:

- Older persons and development;
- Advancing health and well-being into old age;
- Ensuring enabling and supportive environments.

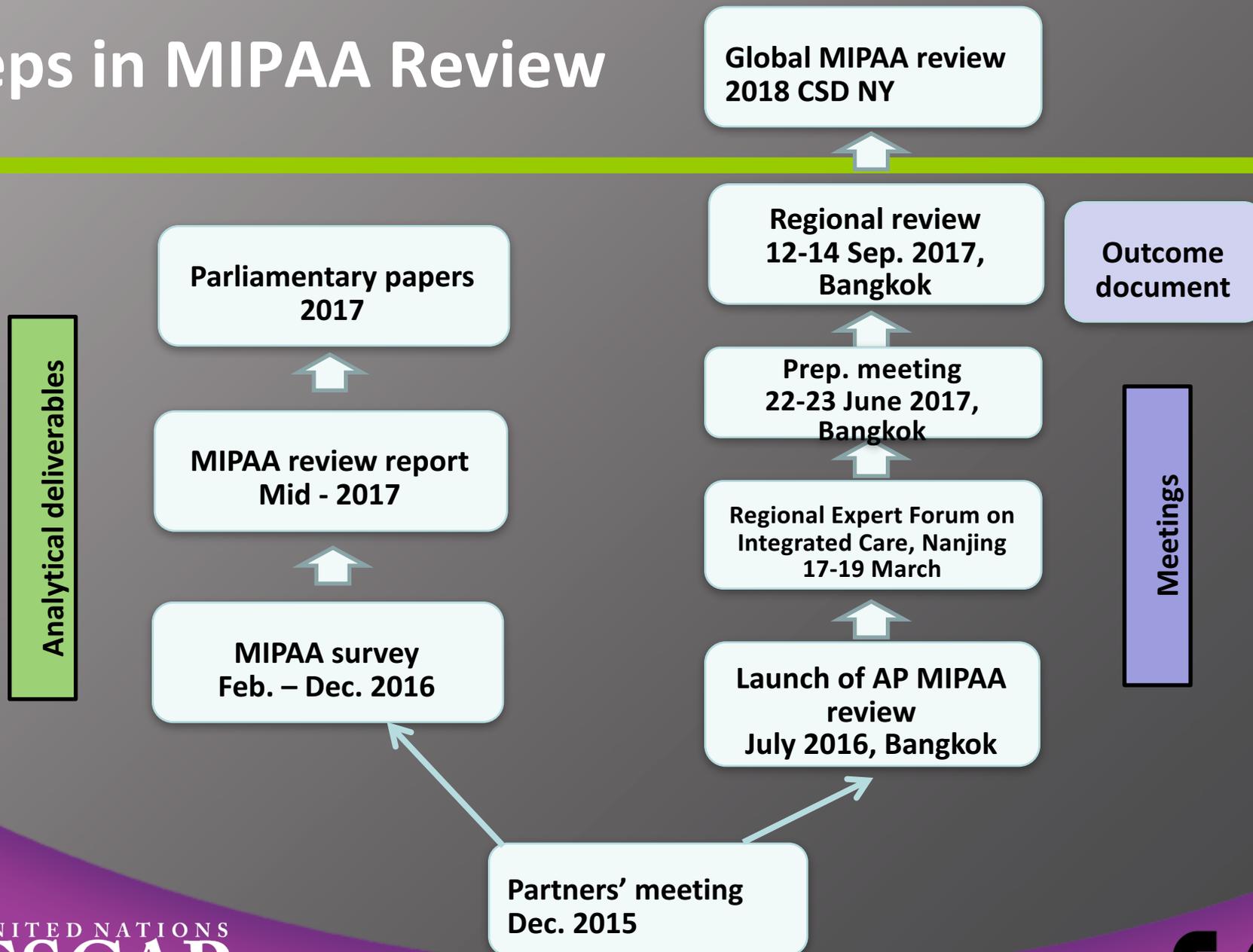


# Third MIPAA review objectives

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- Identify progress and gaps in implementation of MIPAA in the Asia-Pacific region;
- Identify region-specific factors facilitating progress and obstacles impeding it;
- Develop a regional framework of action for better, and timely, MIPAA implementation.

# Steps in MIPAA Review



# Regional Survey to assess progress in MIPAA implementation

- Survey prepared by ESCAP – sent to member States in February 2016; original deadline 1 December 2016 – already extended several times;
- Member States were requested to nominate a focal point, who would also coordinate survey response
- Ideally, survey should be filled with input from different stakeholders
- **23 surveys received to date** (Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, China, Fiji, Iran, Republic of Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Macao (China), Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Russian Federation, Samoa, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, Turkey, and Uzbekistan)

# Responding to population ageing is building inclusive societies

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