

Every two years, the HelpAge Network hosts an Asia-Pacific regional conference on ageing to promote consensus and collaboration on ways to improve the wellbeing of older people.



This year, with a theme ***The Economic Implications of Ageing***, the conference will be held from 6–8 September 2016, at the Sheraton Hanoi Hotel in Vietnam.

Changing demographics will have a profound economic impact on the Asia-Pacific region, although the pace of population ageing varies substantially by country.

Governments, civil society and the private sector need to anticipate changes by adapting policies, services and programmes affecting areas such as healthcare, the labour market, pensions, savings and consumption.

This multi-stakeholder conference will discuss the implications of population ageing for macroeconomic performance, equity and fiscal sustainability.

The conference is co-hosted by HelpAge International, the Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs of Vietnam and UNFPA.

## Indicative parallel session topics

### Workforce

- Maintaining workforce size – augmenting a shrinking workforce
- Maintaining workforce size – keeping older people in the workforce
- Investing in workforce quality and productivity in an era of ageing

### Health

- Healthcare in middle income ageing societies: cost or investment?
- The financial implications of different policy choices in health systems reform
- Can the State afford not to get involved in long-term care?

### Household income

- Changing patterns of intergenerational transfers
- What type of sustainable pensions and savings mix does middle income Asia need?
- How can pensions contribute to economic development and equity?

### Markets

- How can population ageing boost consumption and markets?
- How can technology improve both cost efficiencies and welfare?
- The role of private sector partnerships with CSOs and government in ageing societies



## Expected outcomes

- Shared understanding of the challenges and opportunities for economic growth, equity and fiscal sustainability arising from the demographic transition in Asia-Pacific
- Greater appreciation by governments of the critical adaptations needed in public policies, structures and services to respond to population ageing
- Fresh perspectives within civil society and international actors on how to shape policy advocacy and programmes to support societal adaptation
- Wider and deeper networking among a range of organisations interested in ageing in the Asia-Pacific region.

## Registration and costs

Package	Fee (USD)	Accommodation choice
1	775	Sheraton Hanoi Hotel
2	600	Dragon Hotel

Conference fee covers:

- conference meeting package on 6-7 September
- field visit on 8 September
- lunch from 6-8 September
- 4 nights accommodation in single room (5-8 September)
- airport transfer to and from Hanoi's Noi Bai International Airport.

HelpAge affiliates are entitled to a discount. Please contact us for further information.

The registration form can be downloaded from [www.ageingasiaconf2016.org](http://www.ageingasiaconf2016.org). The completed form should be sent to [events@helpageasia.org](mailto:events@helpageasia.org).

*Please note that space is limited for this conference.*



## Tentative programme

Time	Tuesday 6 September	Wednesday 7 September	Thursday 8 September
<b>Morning 1</b>	Opening	Parallel sessions round 1	Full-day field visit
<b>Morning 2</b>	Keynote presentation	Parallel sessions round 2	
<b>Lunch</b>			
<b>Afternoon 1</b>	Plenary presentations	Parallel sessions round 3	
<b>Afternoon 2</b>	Panel discussion	Panel discussion	
<b>Evening</b>	Publication market place and welcome dinner	Closing	

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# The Economic Implications of Ageing

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 Hanoi, Vietnam

