



Africa Ageing Conference 2027

Partnership Investment Concept

Investing in Africa's Demographic Future

Building Africa's Flagship Continental Platform for Leadership, Learning, Accountability and Collective Action

The Opportunity

Africa is entering one of the most significant demographic transitions in its history.

While the continent remains the world's youngest, it is also home to one of the fastest-growing populations of older persons. By 2050, the number of people aged 60 years and above is projected to more than triple. At the same time, increasing longevity means that more Africans are living longer than previous generations.

This transformation will shape every aspect of development, including health and care systems, social protection, labour markets, urbanisation, climate resilience, humanitarian response and economic growth. Longer lives represent one of Africa's greatest development achievements. With the right leadership and investment, they can also become one of its greatest opportunities.

Yet ageing remains among the most overlooked and underfunded development priorities on the continent. Consultations across Africa have consistently highlighted the need for a stronger African-led narrative on ageing and longevity, one that reflects the continent's realities, ambitions and opportunities, while recognising the rights, contributions and leadership of older persons.

The question is no longer whether Africa is ageing. The question is whether Africa can mobilise the leadership, evidence, partnerships and investment needed to turn demographic change into a driver of inclusive and sustainable development.

The time to invest is now. Strategic action today can help build the policies, institutions, data systems and financing mechanisms needed to ensure that longer lives strengthen societies, economies and communities for generations to come.



Africa's Response

To seize this opportunity, the African Union Commission and HelpAge International, as co-conveners, together with UNECA and UNFPA as Co-hosts, are working with the first host government, the Government of Ethiopia, and other strategic partners, to establish the Africa Ageing Conference as Africa's flagship biennial platform on ageing, longevity and demographic change.

More than a conference, this is the foundation of a long-term Africa Ageing and Longevity Agenda, designed to strengthen political leadership, accelerate implementation, mobilise investment, foster innovation and drive accountability across the continent.

Convened every two from 2027, the Conference will become the leading continental forum where governments, development partners, philanthropies, research institutions, civil society, older people's organisations and private sector leaders come together to shape Africa's response to demographic change.

It will serve as the central platform for building partnerships, catalysing investment and translating commitments into action, ensuring momentum continues between conferences through implementation, learning and accountability mechanisms at continental, regional and national levels.

It will also provide a continental platform to review progress on continental and global commitments, promote demographic intelligence and evidence-informed decision-making, showcase, share and scale African innovation and good practice, promote peer learning and South-South cooperation and agree collective priorities for the following two-year implementation cycle.

Why Now?

Africa has reached a defining moment in its demographic transition. Across the continent, governments are confronting the implications of longer lives and rapidly growing older populations. At the same time, there is growing recognition that ageing is not simply a social concern but a strategic development, economic and human rights issue with far-reaching implications.

The Africa Ageing Conference comes at a critical policy moment. The year 2027 marks 25 years since the adoption of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, coincides with the final phase of the United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing, supports implementation of the African Union Protocol on the Rights of Older Persons, and aligns with global efforts towards a future United Nations Convention on the Rights of Older Persons. Together, these milestones create a unique opportunity for Africa to demonstrate leadership, accelerate implementation, mobilize investment and shape the future global agenda on ageing, rights and inclusive development.



Unlike many regions, Africa has an opportunity to act early by investing now in policies, systems and institutions that can respond to demographic change before population ageing becomes more advanced. Early investment can help strengthen systems, institutions, participation and policies capable of responding to demographic change while unlocking the social and economic benefits of longer lives.

Why Partnership Matters

The Africa Ageing Conference is not simply a convening. It is a strategic investment in Africa's future.

Transformational change will require more than political commitment alone. It will depend on sustained investment, stronger institutions, better evidence, scalable African solutions and partnerships capable of converting ambition into action.

Partnership provides a unique opportunity to bring together political leadership, technical expertise, financing and implementation capacity around a shared vision for inclusive development and healthy ageing.

For investment partners, this is an opportunity to do more than support a conference. It is an opportunity to help build a lasting African institution, shape an emerging continental agenda and contribute to long-term change that will affect hundreds of millions of people across current and future generations.

Working together through this platform, partners can help strengthen:

- Continental leadership and coordination.
- Evidence-informed policymaking and demographic intelligence.
- Implementation of Agenda 2063, the African Union Protocol on the Rights of Older Persons, the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Policy responses in relevant areas including: healthy ageing, health systems and care economies, social protection and economic inclusion, climate resilience and humanitarian preparedness.
- Innovation, investment and sustainable financing.
- The participation, leadership and representation of older persons.
- Intergenerational solidarity and social cohesion.

Conference Themes

The conference will explore the following areas through discussion, debate and presentations, and exhibitions.

			
Population intelligence and evidence	Healthy ageing and care:	Social protection and inclusive economies	Climate resilience and humanitarian action
Supporting demographic intelligence, age-disaggregated data, research, implementation of learning and policy analysis to improve planning and investment.	Strengthening health systems, integrated care, long-term care, rehabilitation and assistive technology.	Promoting income security, economic participation and inclusive social protection	Ensuring ageing is integrated into climate adaptation, anticipatory action, disaster preparedness and humanitarian response.

Become a Strategic Sponsor

The Africa Ageing Conference represents a rare opportunity to help establish a permanent continental platform that will shape Africa's response to ageing, longevity and demographic change.

As a Strategic Sponsor, your organisation will help launch and sustain Africa's flagship continental platform for political leadership, policy innovation, partnership building, implementation, learning and investment on ageing.

We invite governments, development finance institutions, bilateral agencies, philanthropic organisations, foundations and private sector leaders to join us in building this historic initiative.

Together, we can ensure that longevity becomes one of Africa's greatest assets and that demographic change becomes a catalyst for inclusive and sustainable growth—strengthening societies, economies and opportunities across the continent.

Funding partnerships can be tailored to align with each organisation's strategic priorities and could include support for the investment pillars:

- Political Leadership and Accountability
- Evidence and demographic intelligence
- Participation and inclusion
- Implementation and African Solutions
- Sustainable financing and innovation

Investment can support both the enabling architecture of the continental platform and practical implementation in these priority areas, helping connect continental dialogue with regional, national and community-level action.

Overarching sponsorship of the event is available as is support for one or more strategic investment areas aligned with organisational priorities. Options for sponsorship are available in the attached document; Sponsorship Options. And we will be pleased to discuss these.

What Your Investment Will Deliver

Your investment will help establish and sustain a permanent continental platform, convening every two years to strengthen political leadership on ageing, accelerate implementation of existing commitments, improve accountability, and generate, translate and share evidence needed to drive action on ageing.

Beyond the conference itself, your support will help create an enduring African mechanism that connects continental commitments to regional, national and community-level action. It will foster innovation, strengthen peer learning, mobilise new investment and enable the scaling of effective African solutions.

Importantly, your investment will help ensure that older persons and their organisations are recognised not only as beneficiaries of development, but as leaders, contributors and partners in shaping Africa's future.

By investing in the Africa Ageing Conference, partners will help build more inclusive, resilient and age-responsive societies, better equipped to harness the opportunities of increasing longevity and demographic change for generations to come.



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