

“Yebo / Yes! Action on Ageing: Evidence, Policy and Practice”

Cape Town, South Africa is the location from 9-12 September 2025



The International Federation on Ageing in a unique partnership with North-West University (NWU) is proud to convene its 17th Global Conference on Ageing in Cape Town, South Africa from 9-12 September 2025. This landmark event will serve as a cornerstone for international dialogue on ageing, bringing together a diverse array of experts, industry leaders, and advocates committed to addressing the profound demographic shifts facing nations worldwide. The IFAs partnership with NWU, a leading institution in ageing research and community development, will help to ensure that the conference resonates deeply with the African continent, promoting sustainable solutions and evidence-based practices tailored to regional needs.

2025 marks the mid point of critical intergovernmental agendas namely the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing and the UN Sustainable Development Goals, which are being shaped by demographic upheavals such as population ageing, climate change, urbanization, globalisation and migration. As a contribution to the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing, it is timely to convene our global conference in the African continent with the youngest population globally for the foreseeable future. With the world's population ageing at an unprecedented rate, the imperative for collective action to address the challenges and opportunities arising from this demographic shift has never been clearer.

Many more people in Africa are living increasingly longer. Around 75 million people in Africa are currently aged 60 years and above, and this will almost quadruple to around 235 million by 2050. The rise in the number of older people in Africa, specifically in Sub-Saharan Africa, will be sharper than for any other region and age group. Demographic transitions in many countries are occurring against the backdrop of poverty and inequalities, migration and the quadruple disease burden and are crosscut by the changing nature and form of family.

Regardless of your background—be it researcher, policymaker, healthcare provider, caregiver, or simply someone deeply invested in ageing-related issues—this conference provides a unique forum to exchange insights, share best practices, and forge meaningful connections. By fostering collaboration and dialogue, we can collectively shape a more inclusive and supportive future for older persons worldwide. Over 1500 delegates (government, nongovernment, academia, industry and individuals across the age spectrum) from more than 60 countries are expected to participate in this four-day conference framed by nine distinct yet interconnected [themes](#) designed to inform, inspire, and stimulate the exchange of knowledge on policies and practices essential for overcoming current barriers and shaping a future that supports thriving older populations.

The conference will include, symposiums, skill-building workshops, interactive oral and poster sessions regarding ageing and implications on society across the globe. [Register](#) for the conference and submit an [abstract](#) today and don't miss out on the opportunity to showcase your research and bold ideas to shape tomorrow by sharing innovations with a global audience! Connect with industry leaders, spark collaborations and champion inclusive solutions to shaping the future of ageing. Together, let's pave the way for a brighter more vibrant future across all generations. The IFA looks forward to welcoming you to Cape Town in September 2025!

Please visit www.ifaconf.ngo for detailed information on the [conference themes](#), guidelines and key dates.