



Asia-Europe Meeting

3rd ASEM CONFERENCE

on Global Ageing and
Human Rights of Older Persons

5-7, September 2018 | Four Seasons Hotel, Seoul, Korea





Background

National Human Rights Commission of Korea has been hosting international conferences at the ASEM level for the last three years since 2015 regarding human rights of older persons. Up until now, right to accessible healthcare, prohibition of age discrimination, right to work, right to be free from violence and abuse, and right to social security are discussed as well as social exclusion and eradication of poverty of the elderly. Moreover, measures were sought to enhance the human rights of older persons through collective action of the international community including the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (2002-2022) and Sustainable Development Goals (2016-2030). In particular, it was clearly stated in the Chair's Summary that ASEM Global Ageing Center is needed as a focal point for international cooperation, and in 2017, a Roundtable Meeting was held to discuss operation of the ASEM Global Ageing Center.

People aged 60 and above account for 13% of the total population around the world, and the figures are 12%, 25% and 17% in Asia, Europe and Oceania, respectively (UN World Population Prospects, 2017). The figures are relatively high when compared to those of Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean, which are 5% and 12%, respectively. This is why ASEM members should continue discussing the human rights of older persons. With the global trend of decreasing birth rates and increasing life expectancy, the elderly population is expected to drastically increase.

Despite the increasing number of the elderly, human rights issues of older persons have not been sufficiently addressed. Older persons are exposed to diverse types of discrimination and they are not provided with adequate living environments to guarantee human dignity and proper treatment. In order to address these issues and protect the human rights of older persons, cooperation among various stakeholders including the academia and civil society organizations, policy change for the elderly in ASEM members and international collaboration are needed.





Objective

The 3rd ASEM Conference on Global Ageing and Human Rights of Older Persons will reaffirm the universal value of the human rights of older persons, share information on discrimination against the elderly and exemplary cases of long-term and palliative care in Asia and Europe, and discuss operation and tasks of the ASEM Global Ageing Center as an implementing institution for mutual cooperation among ASEM members for the protection and promotion of the human rights of older persons.

Contents of the Conference

The 3rd ASEM Conference on Global Ageing and Human Rights of Older Persons will be composed of four sessions.

Session 1

will reaffirm the main points of the 2nd ASEM Conference and discuss what changes have been brought by member countries, states thereafter.

Session 2

will review the current situation and exemplary cases of long-term and palliative care for the elderly in Asia and Europe, and discuss measures for improvement from the perspective of human rights.

Session 3

will diagnose the broad range of discriminations against older persons and seek for improvement measures.

Session 4

will discuss measures to enhance cooperation among ASEM members for the human rights of older persons and operation and tasks of the ASEM Global Ageing Center as an implementing institution.

Time	Day 1 5 th Sep. (Wed)	Day 2 6 th Sep. (Thur)	Day 3 7 th Sep. (Fri)
09:00~10:30		Session 2 Measures to enhance Long-term and Palliative Care	Cultural Visit for Participants (optional)
10:30~12:00		Session 3 Measures to address Age Discrimination	
12:00~13:30		Luncheon	
13:30	Registration	Session 4 Measures to Enhance Cooperation of International Community for Human Rights of Older Persons	
14:00~15:00	Opening Ceremony		
15:00~16:00	Keynote Speech	Closing (Adoption of the Chair's Statement)	
	Adoption of the Agenda		
16:00~18:00	Session 1 Recent Progress on Human Rights of Older Persons		
18:00~20:00	Welcome Dinner		



Host  National
Human Rights
Commission of Korea

Organizer

ASEM Global Ageing Center

Sponsor  Ministry of
Foreign Affairs

Co-Sponsors ●●●

ASEM members are invited to co-sponsor the conference. Some co-sponsors are expected to give opening remarks at the opening ceremony of the conference and may give presentations in sessions if they wish.

Participants ●●●

ASEM Members, international institutions including the UN, regional institutions including the UN ESCAP, UN ECE, EU, ASEAN, GANHRI and NHRIs, and international NGOs, and experts, etc.

Date and Venue ●●●

- **Date** : 5 - 7 September, 2018
- **Venue** : Four Seasons Hotel Seoul
- **Address** : 97 Saemunan-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul
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Costs ●●●

The host will bear the costs of the venue, conference meals and conference-related expenses, Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs during their stay. However, the host may cover travel in economy class and accommodation for a limited number of participants, including moderators and panelists. In addition, given the purpose of the conference, the host may cover travel in business class and accommodation for minister and vice-minister of ASEM members.

For further financial assistance regarding conference fees, please email the International Human Rights Division, NHRCK at 2018asemhr@nhrc.go.kr

Languages ●●●

The official language for the conference is Korean and English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

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