

A new United Nations report calls on governments to address the needs of older persons, who are now the fastest growing population segment worldwide, stressing that they will require adequate policies, strategies and laws to ensure their well-being.

“Rapid population ageing and a steady increase in human longevity worldwide represent one of the greatest social, economic and political transformations of our time,” said Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in his message to mark the International Day of Older Persons, which coincided with the report’s release. “These demographic changes will affect every community, family and person. They demand that we rethink how individuals live, work, plan and learn throughout their lifetimes, and that we re-invent how societies manage themselves.”

By 2050, 80 per cent of the world’s older people will live in developing countries and the population over 60 years old will be larger than the population under 15, according to the UN Population Fund (UNFPA). (...)

The article:

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The Report:

<http://unfpa.org/ageingreport/>

About the International Day of Older Persons:

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