



**Decade  
of healthy  
ageing**



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Setting the  
Scene

# **Midway through the United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021-2030)**



## AGEING

Ensuring societies are ready for this megatrend



## FAMILY

Advancing family-oriented policies for sustainable development



## CIVIL SOCIETY

Engaging people for their voice to be heard and included in decision making



## INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Empowering indigenous peoples to strengthen their identity and determine their lives



## COOPERATIVES

Cooperatives empower their members and strengthen communities



## SPORT FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

Using sport to foster peace and sustainable development



## DISABILITY

Realizing inclusive and accessible societies for all



## YOUTH

Investing in youth being the leaders of the present and future

## DESA Programme on Ageing



The focal point on ageing  
in the United Nations system and Permanent  
co-Chair of the United Nations Inter-Agency  
Group on Ageing (IAGA)



Provide intergovernmental support & assist  
countries as they find common ground &  
take decisive steps forward



Analyze trends and advise countries on  
policy options



Provide technical assistance to support  
countries in building national capacities

# UN Inter-Agency Group on Ageing





Older  
populations  
are rapidly  
growing  
everywhere

## MORE THAN DOUBLE

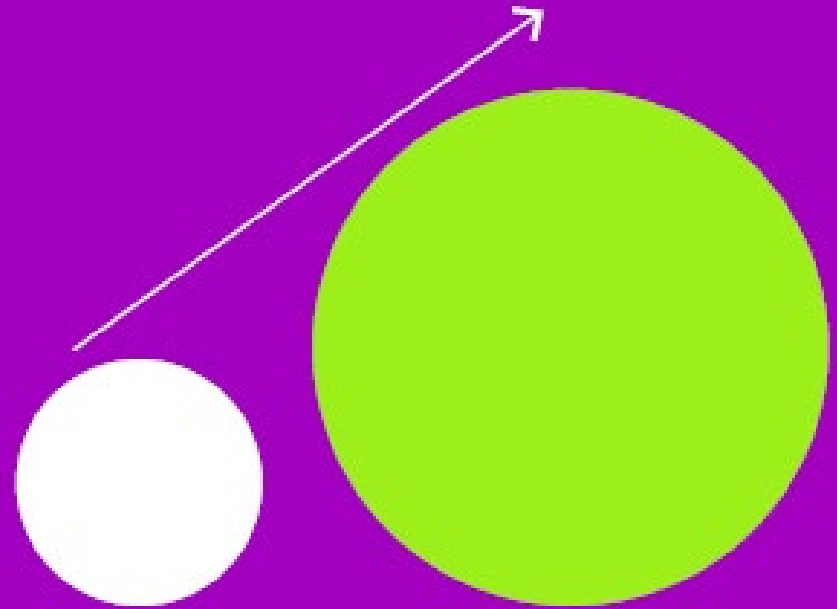
the number of people aged 65+ will  
MORE THAN DOUBLE from

**761**

MILLION in 2021 to

**1.6**

BILLION in 2050



Globally this  
age group is  
rising even  
faster than the  
number aged  
60 or above

## THE 80+ POPULATION IS GROWING FAST

increase expected from

**155**

MILLION in 2021



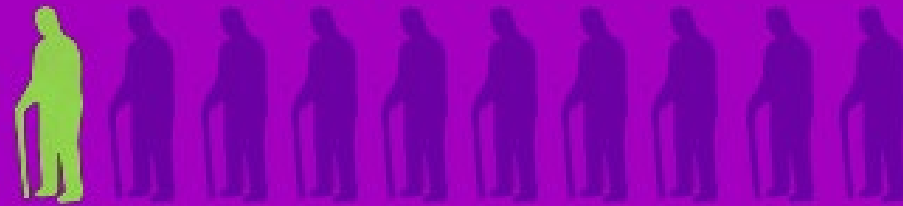
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MILLION in 2050

to

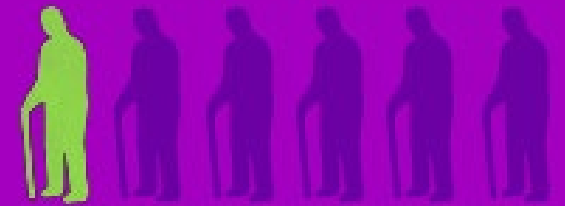
Societies  
will be older

from 1 in 10 people 65+



in 2021

to 1 in 6 people 65+

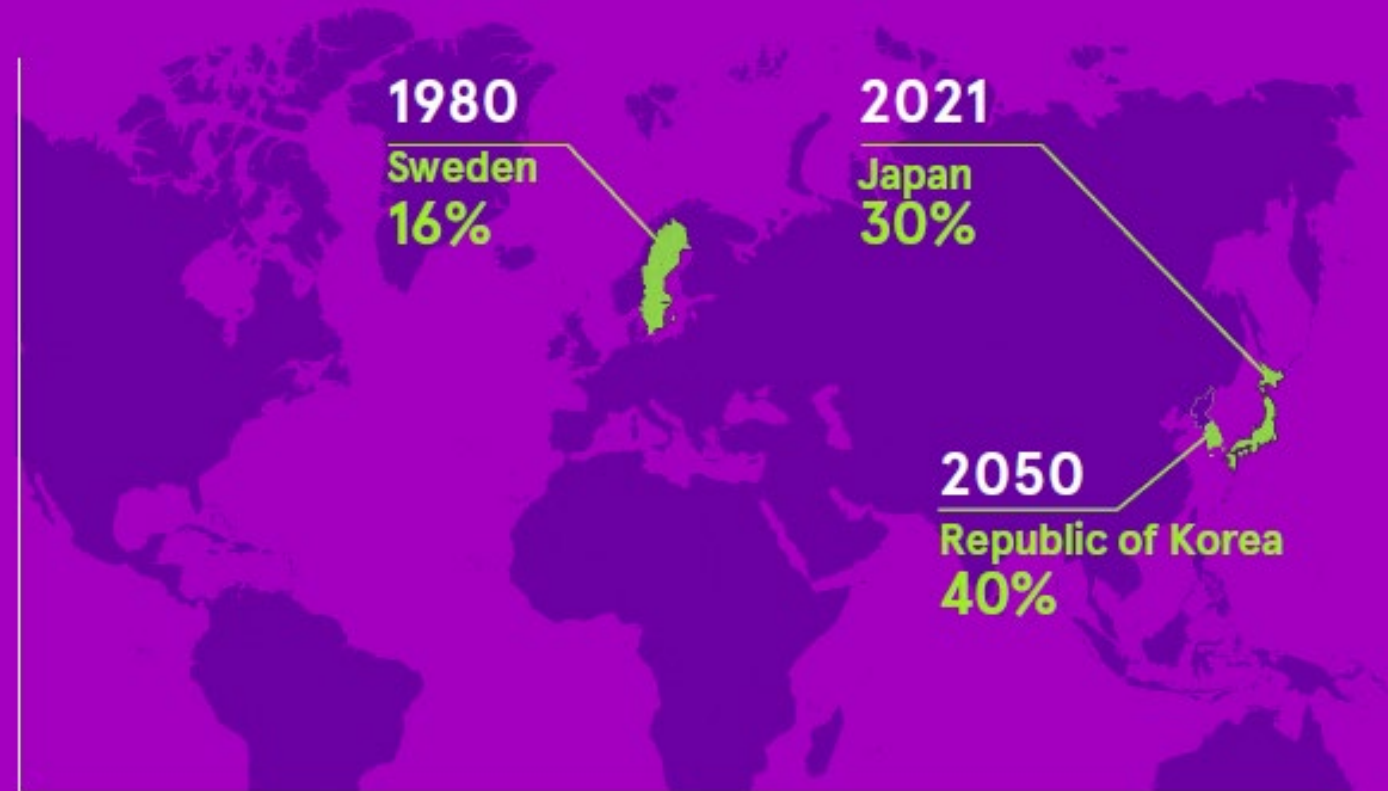


in 2050

The  
geography of  
the world's  
oldest  
countries and  
territories is  
shifting

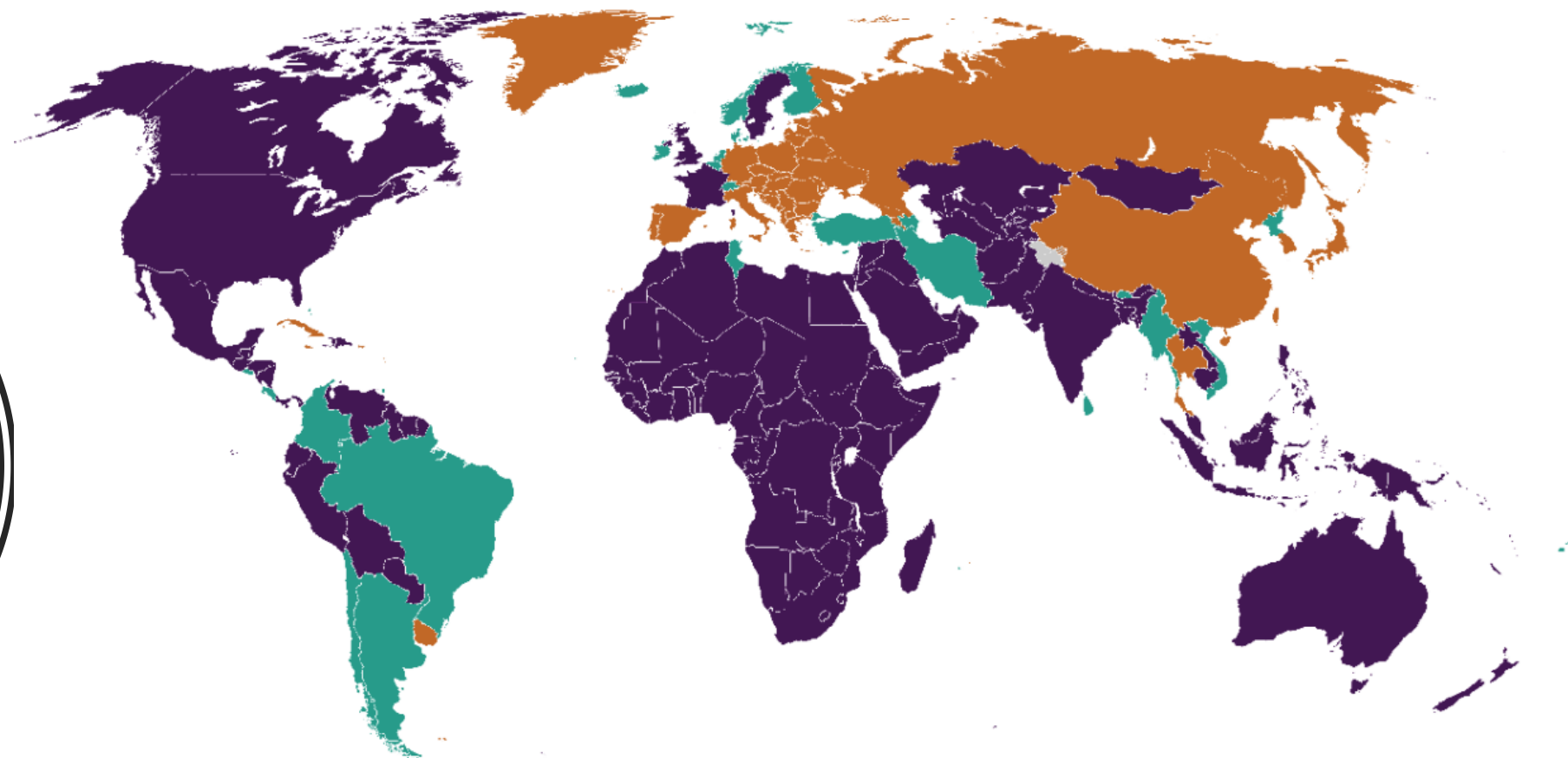
from Europe towards Eastern and South-Eastern Asia by 2050

World's oldest country or territory (with the largest share of people 65+)





Anticipating  
population  
trends for the  
future

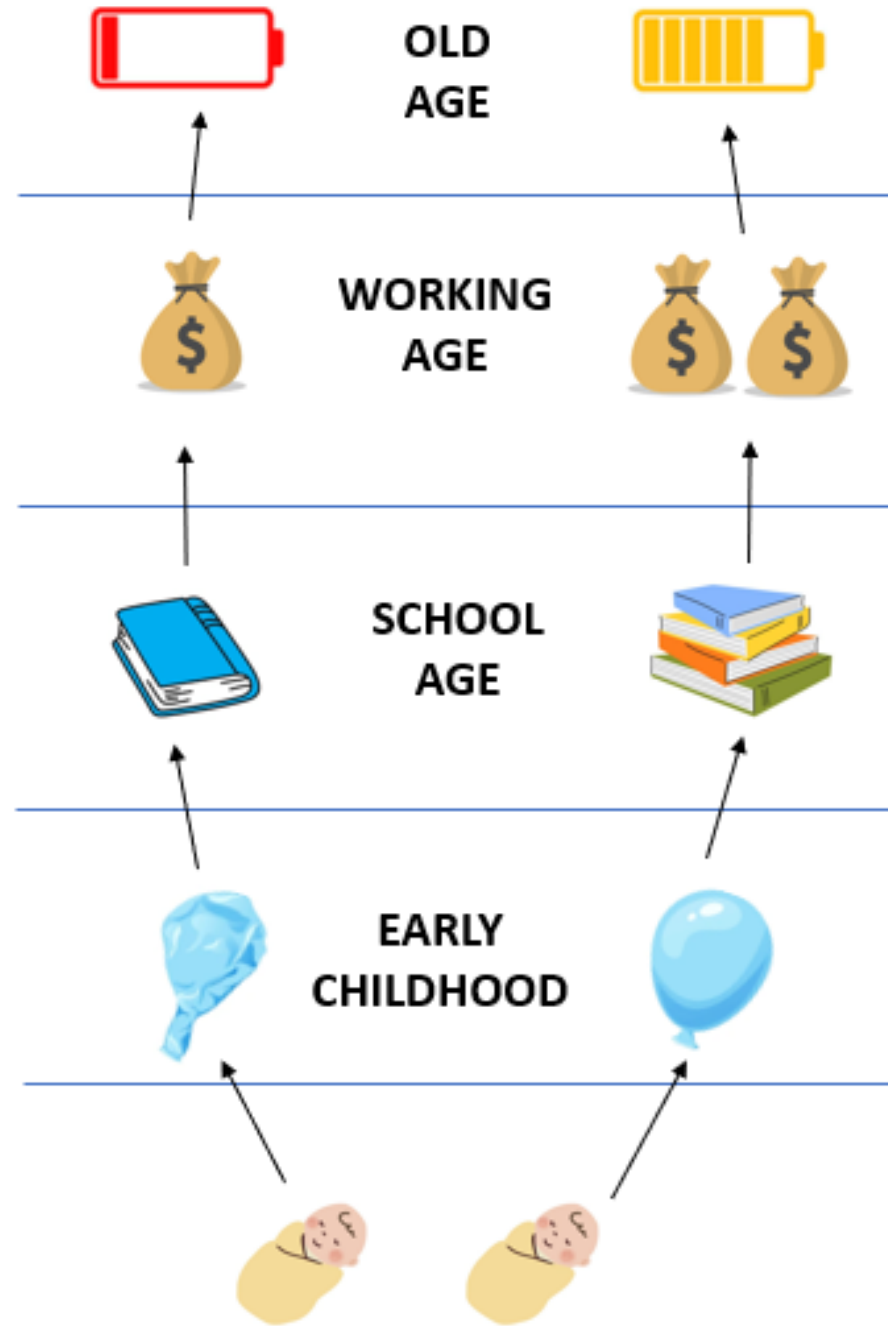


Peaked by 2024   Peaking between 2025 and 2054   Growing through 2054   No data

Survival to  
older ages has  
become more  
common  
worldwide



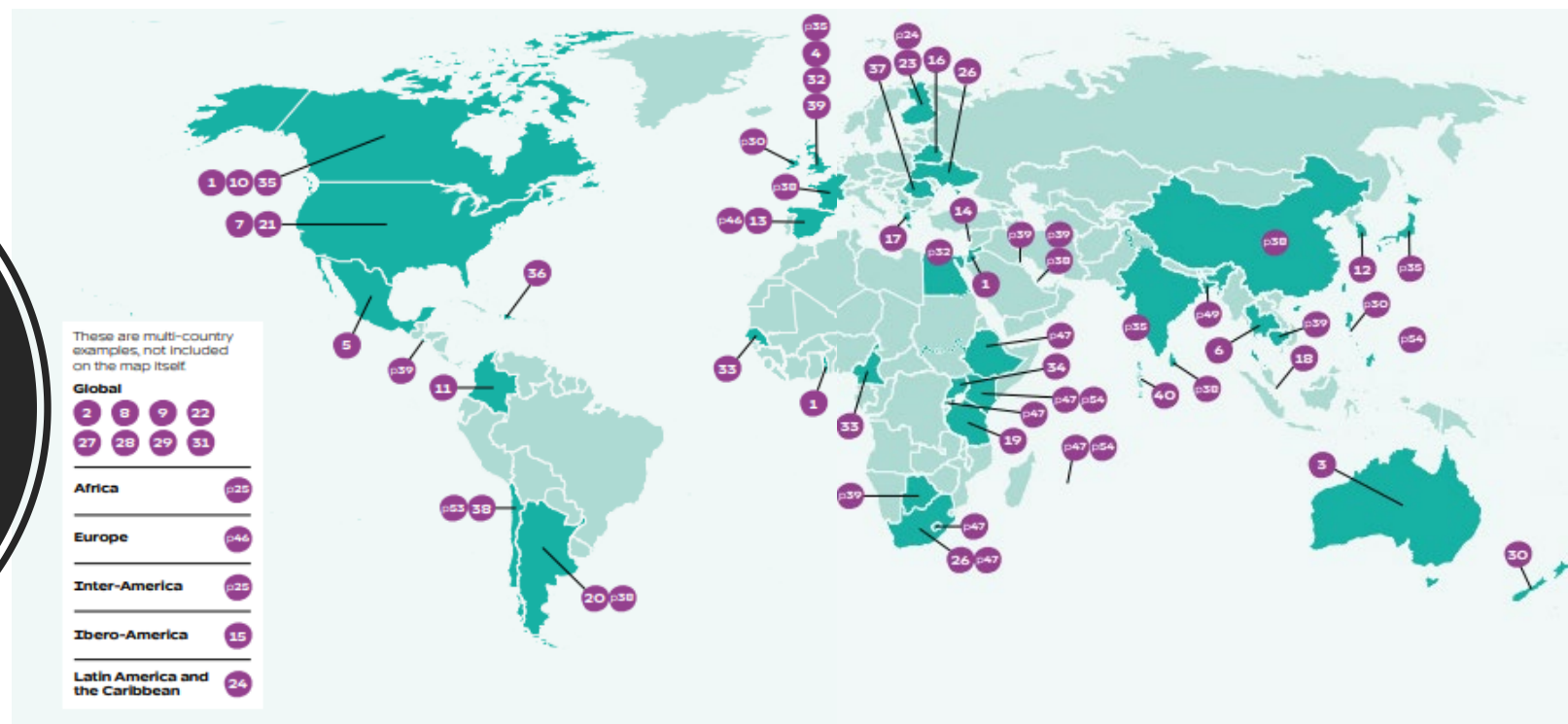
Unequal  
ageing across  
the life course



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# Progress in the first phase of the Decade



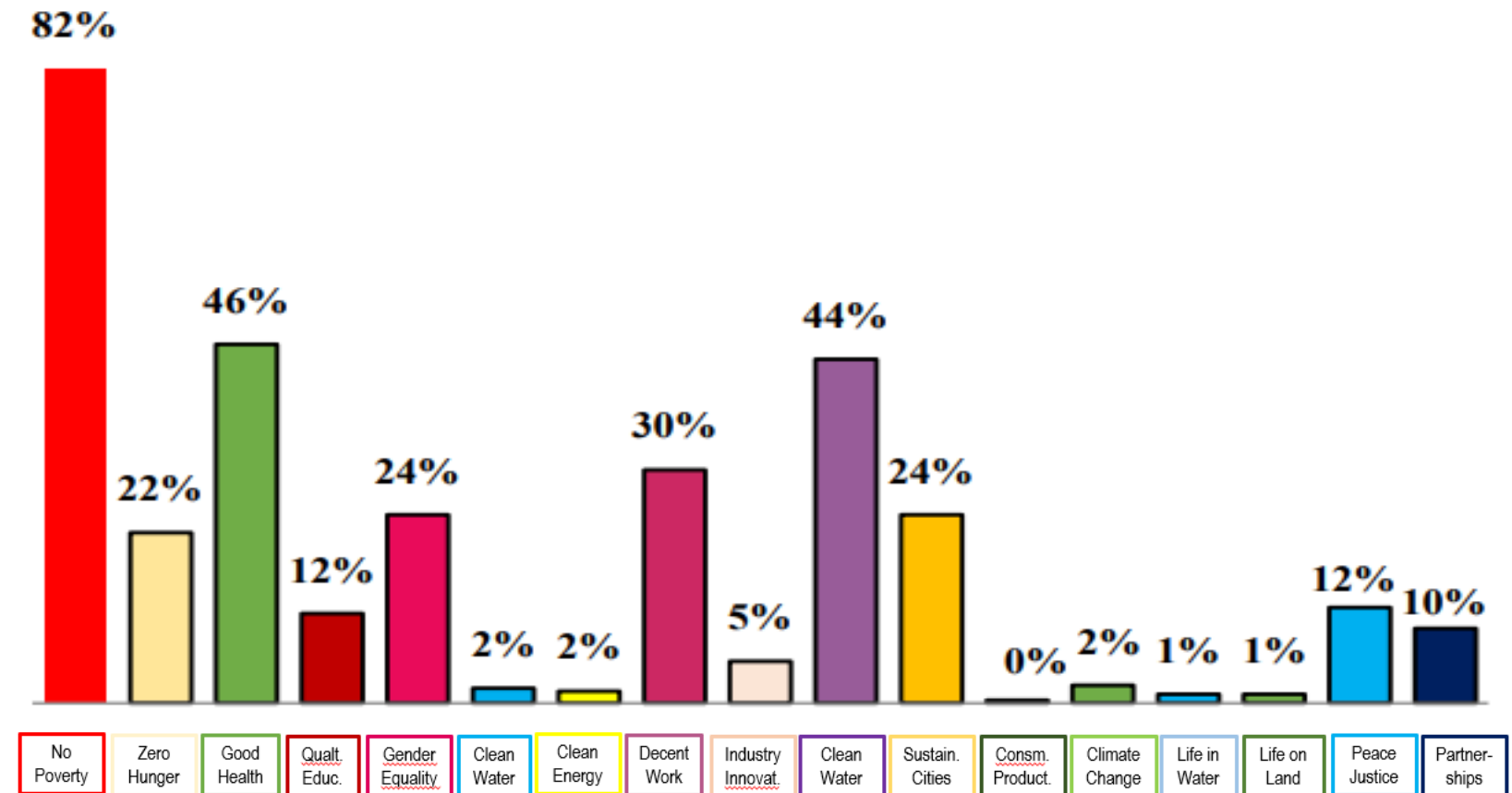


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## National reviews on older persons and population ageing, 2016-2023, by key priorities (percentage)

Progress in  
key priority  
areas







## Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing A remarkable accomplishment

### **Bold**

Where once ageing may have been thought by some to be a stand-alone issue or afterthought, in 2002, the General Assembly understood that the demographic transformation had profound consequences for every aspect of individual, community, national and international life.

### **The First**

To put the issue of ageing and old age on the international agenda. Governments agreed to link questions of ageing to other frameworks for social and economic development and human rights.

### **Collaborative**

Drafted by several major stakeholders: Governments, UN entities, academia and NGOs

### **Comprehensive Resource for Policymaking**

Emphasized the notion of dignity, celebrating longevity, adopting a life course approach, addressing marked deep inequalities, highlighting importance of expectations and preferences of older persons, stomping-out misleading and negative stereotypes and exclusionary practices at the local and national levels, as well as calling for recognition of older persons' contributions, strengths, resourcefulness and humanity.

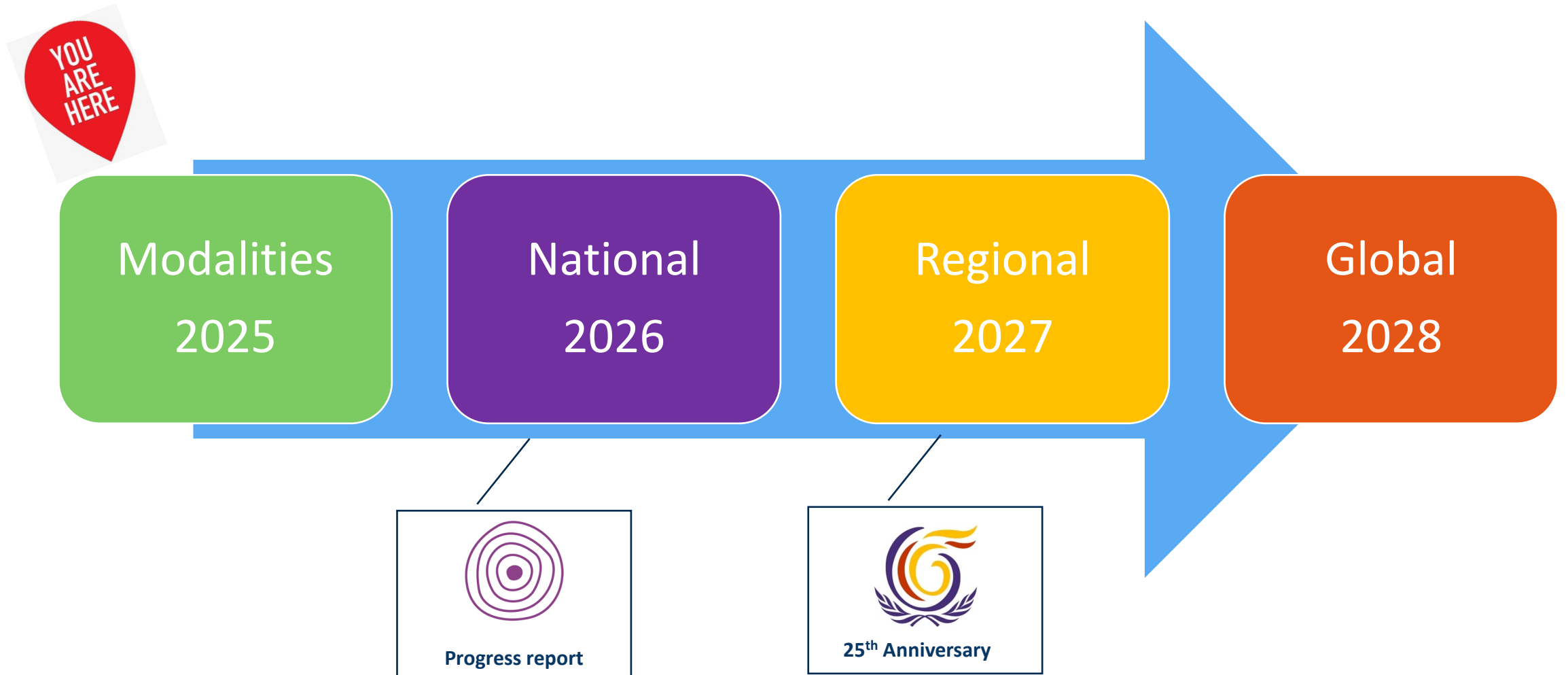




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## Fifth cycle of the review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing







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# Thank you.

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