

- **Timing:** To uphold the series' commitment to inclusion, organisers should consider scheduling sessions at varied times to enable meaningful participation from members, Affiliates, and other stakeholders across different regions and time zones. This approach recognises the geographic diversity of our community and helps reduce barriers to engagement.
- **Duration:** Each *Age-friendly Conversation* session will last 1–1.5 hours.
- **Leadership in organisation:** Each webinar should engage a Network Affiliate or member as key organising leader, with support from Secretariat.
- **Participation:** Open to GNAFCC members and affiliates, as well as external participants who will be asked to complete a register. Appropriate registration and data-protection protocols will be established. Diversity across the Network will be prioritised in the selection of speakers to ensure broad regional and thematic representation.
- **Format:** Highly interactive and participatory, with dialogic methods to motivate debate and collective reflection.
- **Platform:** A secure web platform (e.g., Zoom) capable of hosting 100+ participants, with pre-registration and safeguards against cyberattacks.
- **Engagement:** The GNAFCC Teams Channel and Newsletter can be used to mobilise interest and gather inputs (e.g., call for practice by AGE Platform feeding into the UN Convention webinar).
- **Language:** The initial three sessions would be in English. The Secretariat and organisers will explore potential translation opportunities.

4. Format and structure of each session

- **Moderation:** Strong moderation or opening by an older person leader, preferably
- **Guest speakers:** will be drawn from Network Affiliates, members, and external experts, selected for their demonstrated engagement with the central theme of the session, the diversity of perspectives they contribute, their commitment to advancing age-friendly work, and their capacity to foster interactive dialogue. Priority will be given to diverse older-person leaders, practitioners, and advocates from different regions who can meaningfully bridge local experiences with global age-friendly priorities.
- **Overarching guiding questions:** Content of each session should generate meaningful discussion and reflection considering the following:

- *Meaning and implications:* What does the central theme of session (e.g. Equity, human rights, sustainability, connections) mean for age-friendly work?
- *Dimensions:* What key dimensions does this central theme include?
- *Knowledge Gaps:*
 - What questions emerge from the reflection?
 - What do we need to discuss further or learn more about? (as in the World Congress)
- **Agenda structure:**
 - **Welcome** – by an older person leader, ideally, and/or representative from the lead organiser Network Affiliate or member
 - **Interactive Opening** – polls, cloud mapping, or initial discussion after a guiding question.
 - **Brief framing Presentation – 10 min presentation from an expert, policymaker or practitioner to set the scene.**
 - **Initial reactions** – 2-4 short interventions by featured guest speakers reacting to the presentation in a conversational way, unpacking key concepts and sharing case examples, testimonies, and narratives from experience.
 - **Interactive Dialogue** –
 - Q&A.
 - Open discussion and closing reflections – by one leader from Network Affiliate or members.
 - **Participation by Secretariat:** The Secretariat may provide a brief intervention at the opening or closing, depending on the agreed format.
- **Outcome:** A brief summary of the reflections derived from each session will be generated for documentation and dissemination within a week or two.

5. Initial timeline

- **January:**
 - Concept note shared with affiliates for inputs.
- **February:**

- Coordination meetings and draft concept notes and programs for each webinar with lead Network Affiliate or member organisers.
- Secure web platform.
- Prepare branding and communications materials.
- Launch promotion strategy.
- **March 26th:** First webinar (Human Rights & UN Convention: Equity in AFCC).
- **April:** Second webinar (Connecting Generations, Technology and Care).
- **May 2026:** Third webinar (Sustainable and Resilient Age-Friendly Communities).
- **Post-Congress:** Additional webinars based on emerging priorities, outcomes of the Congress and interest from Affiliates.
- **June-July:** Reporting: Consolidated summary of discussions and outcomes.

6. Initial themes (first semester 2026)

- **March 26th, 2026 (Confirmed):** *Human Rights of Older Persons and the Drafting of a UN Convention: Why Does It Matter for Advancing Equity in Age-Friendly Cities and Communities?*
 - Organisation led by AGE Platform Europe.
 - Timed after the UN Intergovernmental Drafting Group meeting in Geneva (Feb 18–20), which would allow us to better inform GNAFCC members about more concrete steps and contents of the UN Convention and generate more targeted mobilisation.
 - Focus on momentum for older persons' rights and the role of GNAFCC.
- **April 2026 (To be confirmed):** *Connecting Generations, Technology and Care*
 - Potential collaboration with members and/or affiliates engaged in social connection policies.
 - Supported by Kazuki Yamada, WHO.
- **May 2026 (To be confirmed):** *Sustainability: Building More Sustainable and Resilient Age-Friendly Communities*
 - Potential collaboration with the Older People's Commissioner for Wales, UK.

- **Future (Post-Congress):** Additional sessions will be organised based on interests and priorities emerging from the 3rd World Congress.

7. Support and coordination

The Secretariat will provide support to leading organisers for the technical and logistical organisation of each session. During the session, the Secretariat will collaborate with the web platform operation and implementation of security protocols. After each session, the Secretariat will collaborate with lead organisers to prepare summaries. Researchers Pamela Suero and Anna Salomoni, from the HOMeAGE Network will support the Secretariat with these tasks as part of their secondment with AGE Platform Europe.