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**ADVANCING INTERGENERATIONAL SOLIDARITY AND EQUITY IN AN
UNSETTLING WORLD**

| BACKGROUND

As the world navigates complex demographic and socio-political transitions, including population ageing, youth bulges in certain regions, and increasing diversity, intergenerational solidarity and equity have become crucial pillars for sustainable and inclusive development. These shifts are unfolding amidst broader challenges: climate change, economic pressures, geopolitical tensions, and widening social divides, all of which risk straining intergenerational trust, solidarity, and a commitment to shared goals. This session will explore how societies can strengthen cooperation and mutual responsibility across generations to build resilient and inclusive communities. Drawing from global and regional experiences, including ASEAN's work through the ASEAN Centre for Active Ageing and Innovation (ACAI), the session aims to spotlight policy innovations, grassroots initiatives, and community-led approaches that foster intergenerational fairness and dignity for all age groups.

| OBJECTIVES

- To examine how demographic transitions impact intergenerational relations and social equity.
- To identify policy frameworks that promote fairness across generations in health, education, employment, and social protection.
- To amplify perspectives of ecopolitics from the Global South, and highlight challenges and opportunities in balancing current needs with the rights of future generations, particularly around ecopolitics, climate action and resource sustainability.



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