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#### **Contribution of Older Persons to Sustainable Development.**

The Argentine Republic has been going through a process of population aging for several decades and currently represents one of the oldest countries in the region. According to the last population census carried out, in 2010 there were 5,725,838 people over 60 years of age and over, which represented 14.3% of the total population; and according to INDEC demographic projections, for the year 2021 the number of people aged 60 and over is 7,279,394, which represents 15.9% of the total population (INDEC, 2013).

The demographic increase of the older adult population worldwide - between 2015 and 2030 the population of 60 years and over will rise from 900 million to more than 1,400 million people - is no stranger to the Argentine reality.

As a consequence of this achievement of humanity, with the adoption in 2015 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, older persons were included in some of the achievements foreseen in the aforementioned instrument.

Said circumstance marked a responsibility for the Argentine State to work in the application of public policies aimed at achieving the fundamental rights of older persons provided for in the Inter-American Convention on the Protection of Human Rights of Older Persons - ratified by Argentina through Law 27,360 in the year 2017- and its direct participation in society for the fulfillment of the objectives set out in the 2030 agenda.

In order to ensure that they are made effective, in Argentina a series of measures were taken to protect and participate in the ethereal group in question, creating organizations and institutions to ensure them, so that:

• The public institutional framework aimed at the elderly has been consolidated in order to provide the mechanisms, instruments and resources to ensure the effectiveness of rights.



- Institutions were created at the provincial and municipal levels, with the aim of responding to the needs of the elderly at the local level.
- At the national level, the agencies dedicated to old age and aging were strengthened.
- 92% of the provincial public institutions have their own agencies aimed at the elderly. Most of these organisms have the rank of provincial leadership, which constitutes an achievement in strengthening the institutional framework.
- A wide variety of programs were launched to meet the needs of the elderly and also to promote their autonomy and participation.
- Good Treatment Campaign: On October 1, 2020, two dissemination pieces were prepared to highlight the important contribution of older people to society under the slogan "Let's value the active role of older people in their communities"
- The Elderly Federal Council (Decree 457/1997-Resolution 1216/2006), which operates within the scope of the National Directorate of Policies for the Elderly, aims to institutionalize the collaboration and participation of the elderly in their representative organizations and of the provincial governments in the definition, application and follow-up of the public policies related to this age group, in close collaboration with the organisms of the National State.
- Within the scope of the National Social Security Administration (ANSES), the Retirees and Pensioners Consultative Body operates. This body has among its priorities the institutionalization of concrete forms of participation and consultation of the beneficiaries through their representatives, in order to express their concerns and proposals, be part of the control of the system and receive training for its strengthening as a sector. It is made up of representatives of federations of retirees and pensioners from all over the country, becoming the first space for citizen participation in a State agency.
- For its part, the National Institute of Social Services for Retirees and Pensioners, has fundamental areas of exchange, articulation and dialogue: the Participatory Councils of local, regional and national scope, which enable the meeting between the authorities of the institute and the affiliated people through their representatives (Advisors and Authorities of Confederations, Federations and Retirement Centers). These Councils are constituted as



propitious environments for the raising of demands, problems and suggestions for the improvement of the institute's policy, promoting participatory management and necessary interaction for the planning of institutional actions that allow improving the care provided and the quality of services.