

Annex E

Pre- and Post-Dialogue Questionnaires



What Matters to Canadian NGOs on Aging: Pretest — February 2002

Pre-Dialogue Questionnaire

A. Organization Information

We would like to know more about your organization and yourself. Please complete the following information form. Remember that your answers will be completely confidential.

1. What organization are you representing? _____
2. How many *paid* members does your organization have at present? _____
How many volunteers? _____
3. In what province/territory is the organization mainly located? _____
4. At what level would you say that your organization works on senior-related issues (*check all that apply*)?
 Local community level Provincial level National level International level
5. What specific ethnic, linguistic or other groups are represented by your organization?

6. Briefly describe the type of work your organization does, or the main issues that the organization addresses:

B. Demographic Information

7. In what city/town do you live? _____
8. In what province? _____
9. Are you: Female Male
10. In what year were you born? _____
11. In what country were you born? _____
12. What is your first language? _____
13. How long have you lived in Canada? All my life Since (year) _____

14. What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

- Less than high school High school graduate Non-university certificate College diploma
 Some university Bachelor’s degree Some post-graduate Post-graduate degree

15. For how many years have you worked for the organization that you represent? _____

16. What type of work do you do in your current capacity? _____

17. For how many years have you done paid work dealing with aging issues? _____

18. For how many years have you been involved in aging issues in *any* capacity? _____

C. Pre-Dialogue Views on Aging Themes

Now we would like to find out about your views on a number of issues related to various aging themes. How strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? Please read each statement on the next page and respond by checking one of the boxes: strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, or not sure.

<i>Statements...</i>	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not sure
1. Most older Canadians need to continue working because their existing incomes are inadequate.					
2. The government needs to invest more resources to ensure that all seniors have better access to the health care system.					
3. Ensuring that services and supports are easily accessible to all Canadian seniors should be a major priority for government policies targeting seniors.					
4. There need to be more supports in place to assist caregivers within families who look after aging loved one who can no longer look after themselves.					
5. Older Canadians will need to play an increasing role in the labour force in the coming years because of labour shortages.					
6. More supports need to be in place to target the specific needs of aging women.					
7. Employers should be given incentives to provide training opportunities for older workers.					
8. For seniors that require more intensive care, we need to enhance the availability of suitable nursing homes and residences close to their homes.					
9. In my province, the quality of life as a place to grow old and retire has improved in the last five years.					

<i>Statements...</i>	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not sure
10. Funding should be increased to ensure that services and supports are easily accessible to all Canadian seniors.					
11. There needs to be increased flexibility in work-to-retirement plans to allow seniors to keep working if they prefer to continue.					
12. We need to invest more resources to enhance home care supports for the majority of seniors who continue to live at home in Canada.					
13. In my province, there is a real problem with seniors' access to services due to their ethnic or cultural backgrounds.					
14. More supports for on-going learning should be in place to assist seniors, even if that means less resources for younger Canadians.					
15. Current pensions provided for Canada's seniors are adequate to meet their financial needs.					
16. Seniors themselves should be consulted more in the design of services for a diverse senior population.					
17. More government programs are needed to help older Canadians adapt to changing work practices & technologies.					
18. The quality of health care for most seniors in my province tends to be excellent.					
19. We need seniors to participate more fully in the labour force to help educate younger generations.					
20. Increased funding should be available to assist cultural groups to maintain their own traditions or practices in support of aging seniors within their communities.					

One more question: What do you see as the three main priorities that the Canadian government should focus on in the years ahead to ensure maximum readiness to accommodate an aging society?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



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Post-Dialogue Questionnaire

A Post-Dialogue Views on Aging Themes

Once again, please read each statement on this and the next page and respond by checking one of the boxes: strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, or not sure.

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6. More supports need to be in place to target the specific needs of aging women.					
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Now that you have participated in the dialogue discussion, what do you see as the three main priorities that the Canadian government should focus on in the years ahead to ensure maximum readiness to accommodate an aging society?

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

B. Dialogue Feedback

Now we would like to get some feedback about the dialogue. What, if anything, did you learn or what new insights have you come up with about aging issues as a result of participating in this dialogue?

What did you like most about the session? _____

What did you like least about the session? _____

Any other comments about the session? _____

Finally, would you consider attending a public dialogue session similar to this one but on another topic? (Please check one box.)

- Yes
- Maybe/depends (explain): _____

- No, I don't think so (explain): _____
