



Global Coalition on Aging

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What We're Doing

Population aging is fast moving to the top of the 21st Century's global agenda. A recent [Reuters article](#) is just one reflection of this growing recognition, which included the Global Coalition on Aging's perspective. [\[Click here to read full article\]](#).

This update highlights some of the ways in which the [Global Coalition on Aging](#) is leading the discussion on population aging and its impact on the 21st century's social and economic policy and market changes. Also featured in this update are recent posts from The Fiscal Times blog [Age & Reason](#), authored by Michael Hodin, Executive Director of the Global Coalition on Aging.



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The Obama administration's Community Living Assistance Services and Supports program, or CLASS, has, of course, failed...

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APEC 2011 Features Aging, Builds Future Strategy



The [Global Coalition on Aging](#), in conjunction with the [Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation's](#) (APEC) Health Working Group and the [U.S.](#)

[State Department](#), hosted two policy dialogues focused on addressing the relationship between healthy aging and the economic challenges that accompany longevity. The dialogues, part of the APEC meetings taking place across the United States in 2011, were hosted in [Washington, DC](#) and [San Francisco](#). The dialogues brought together the 21 APEC Member Economies, private-sector experts in the areas of health, technology, finance, population aging and U.S. government officials to develop strategies to support more active and productive aging. Later this month, the final meeting of the 2011 APEC Summit will take place in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Global Coalition on Aging is continuing to work with its partners on how population aging can be addressed by APEC in 2012.

Aging Highlighted at UN NCD Summit



The [United Nations](#) hosted a High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases in September. The outcomes from this meeting reflected the UN's recognition of the growing prevalence of non-communicable diseases such as cancer, diabetes, and Alzheimer's, and the role of aging as a contributing factor. Leading up to this historic meeting, the [Global Coalition on Aging](#) co-authored a [letter](#) with [HelpAge International](#), [Age UK](#), and [Alzheimer's Disease International](#), featured in [The Guardian](#), stressing the importance of recognizing aging as a major factor when addressing the global problem of non-communicable diseases. [\[Click here to view the letter\]](#)

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The [Global Coalition on Aging](#) aims to reshape how global leaders approach and prepare for the 21st century's profound shift in population aging. The Coalition uniquely brings together global corporations across industry sectors with common strategic interests in aging populations, a comprehensive and systemic understanding of aging, and an optimistic view of its impact.

Through research, public policy analysis, advocacy and communication, the Coalition will advance innovative solutions and work to ensure global aging is a path for fiscally sustainable economic growth, social value creation and wealth enhancement. The Coalition will operate along four pillars of health and wellness, education and work, financial planning and security, and technology and innovation to promote basic reforms to address the 21st century's age-driven demographic realities.