

Highlights on World Population Ageing 2015

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- Population aged 60 years or older number 901 million in 2015, projected to grow to more than 1.4 billion by 2030;
- About 2/3 of older people live in developing countries, most of them in urban areas. This trend will likely intensify in the next few decades;

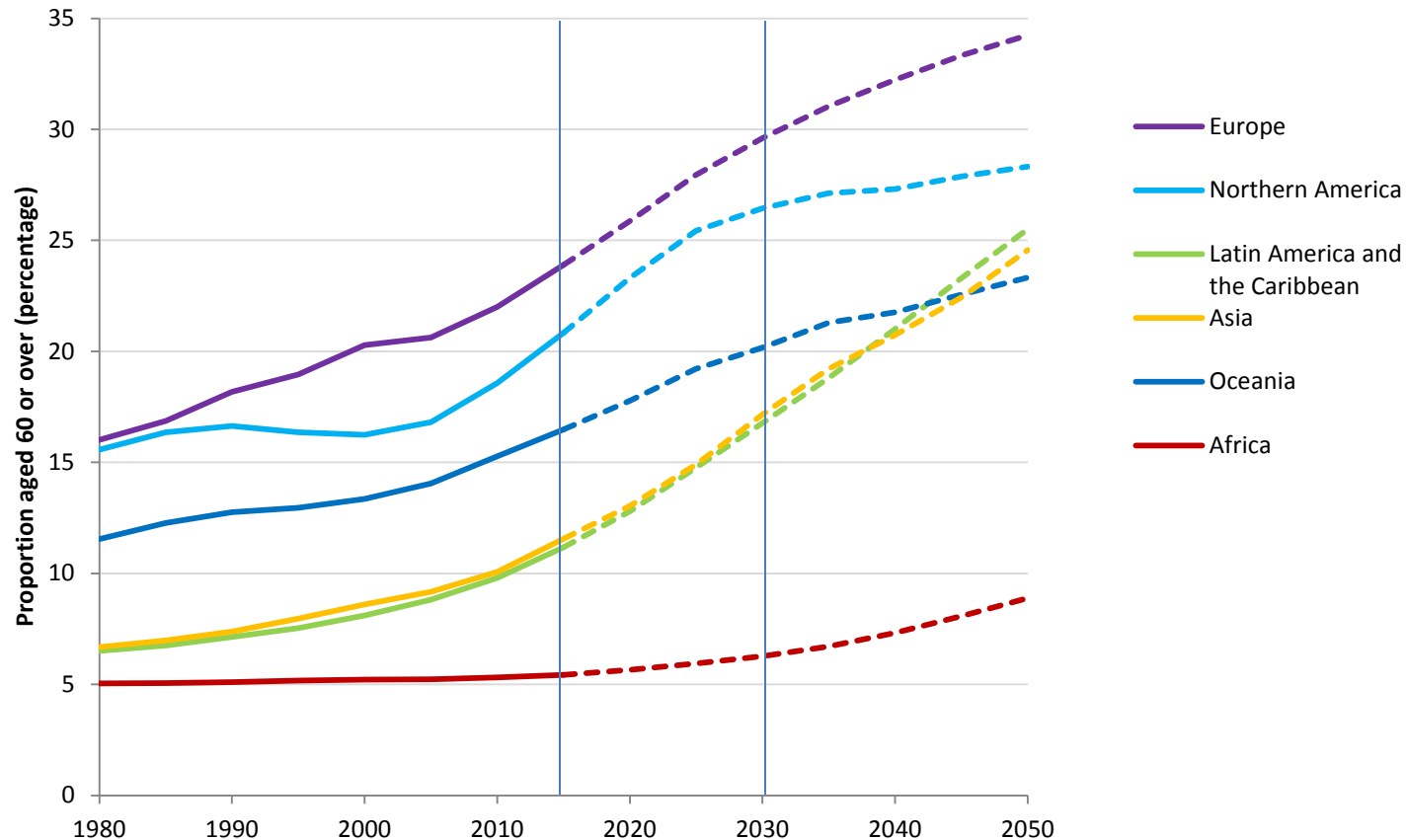


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All regions of the world are ageing

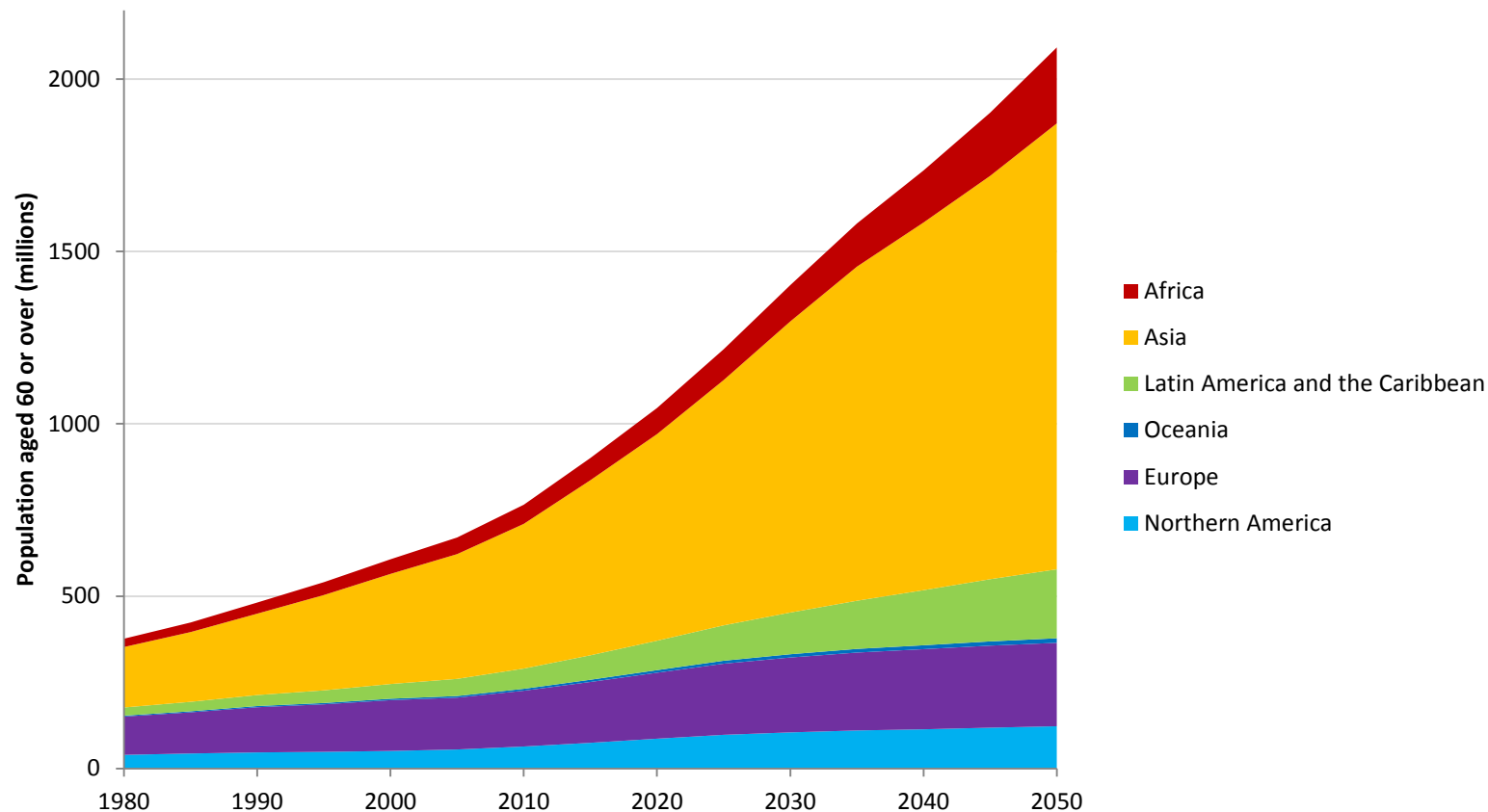


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Older population will continue to be concentrated mainly in Asia



Drivers of ageing

- Fertility decline will continue to drive increases in the % of older persons in developing countries, while fertility stabilization or upturns will slow ageing in developed countries;
- Mortality decline will more gradually but persistently extend longevity and ageing virtually everywhere

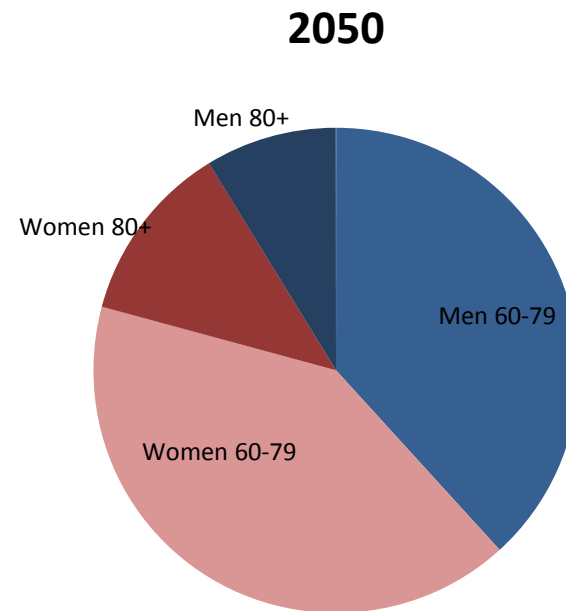
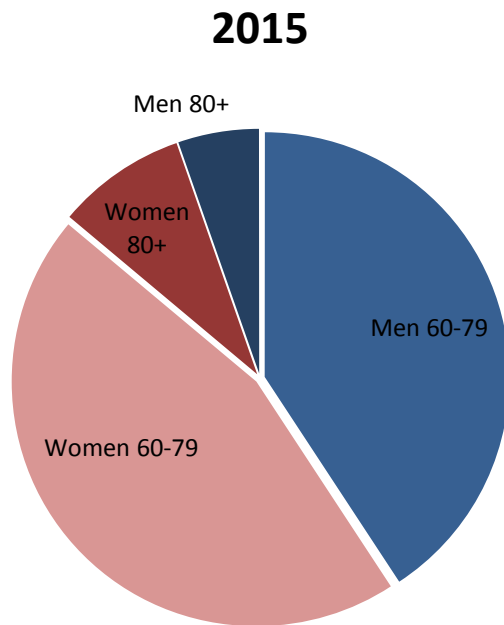


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Older population itself projected to age and continue to be mostly female



Other findings of the Ageing 2015 Highlights

- Living longer generally comes with living healthier (majority of added years of life are without disability);
- Older people tend to be less poor than total population in most Latin American and developed countries, but poorer than total population in most of Africa;
- Old-age pension coverage adequate in Europe and Northern America, but still low in many developing regions, particularly in the Middle East (30%) and Africa (22%)



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