

# **POLICIES & LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS ELDER ABUSE**

**CARIBBEAN PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> REGIONAL  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE ON AGEING & THE RIGHTS OF OLDER  
PERSONS**

# LEGISLATIVE EQUIVALENT OF “TRICKLE-DOWN ECONOMICS”

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- UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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- REGIONAL TREATIES / INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS {e.g. San Jose Charter on the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean

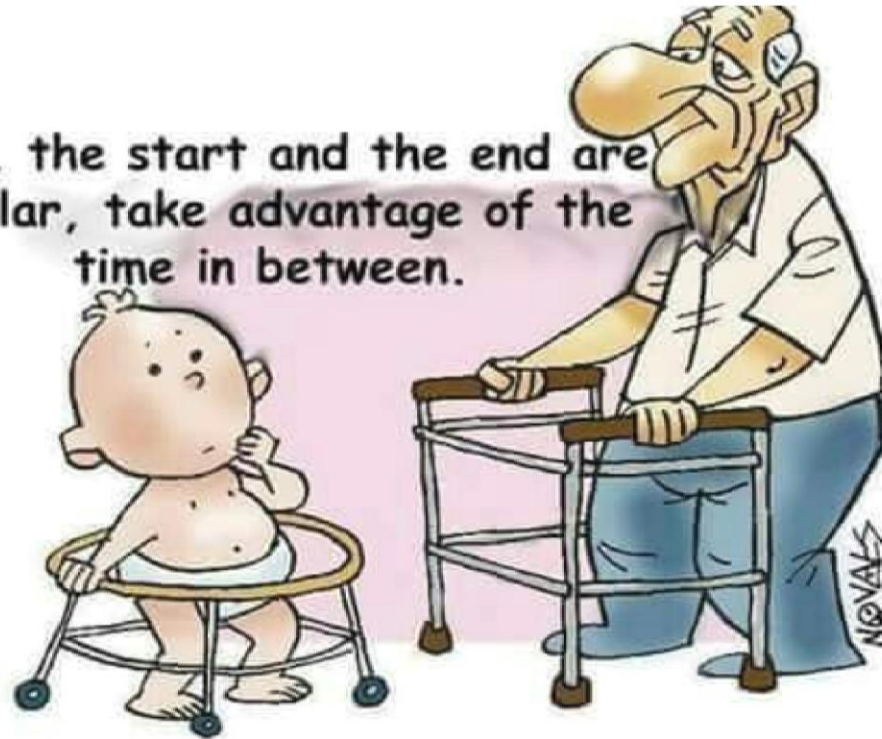
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- COUNTRY SPECIFIC POLICY FRAMEWORKS

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- ENFORCEABLE DOMESTIC LEGISLATION

Life, the start and the end are similar, take advantage of the time in between.



## ONCE A MAN, TWICE A CHILD

THE NECESSITY FOR DOMESTIC LEGISLATIVE REFORM

# AREAS FOR LEGISLATIVE INTERVENTION

## ABUSE

### PHYSICAL

- ⑩ Assaults
- ⑩ Sexual Offences
- ⑩ Domestic Violence
- ⑩ Denying access to medical treatment
- ⑩ Restraint / Imprisonment
- ⑩

### PSYCHOLOGICAL

- ⑩ Verbal abuse
- ⑩ Emotional neglect
- ⑩ Harassment and threats

### FINANCIAL

- ⑩ Misuse of assets, fraud and theft of property
- ⑩ Withholding of necessary goods and services
- ⑩ Exploitation

# SHORT TERM LEGISLATIVE REFORMS

- POLICE / STATE POWERS OF INTERVENTION
- AMENDMENTS TO GUARDIANSHIP LAWS, EXECUTION OF WILLS AND POWERS OF ATTORNEY
- ADVANCE DIRECTIVES AND LIVING WILLS
- AMENDMENT OF BANKING LAWS TO FACILITATE REPORTING OF SUSPECTED CASES
- ADDRESSING EVIDENTIARY REQUIREMENTS WHERE PERSONS ARE NOT COMPETENT
- REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
- INCREASES IN PENALTIES
- ALLOWING DETENTION BY MEDICAL PERSONNEL UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

# LONGER TERM LEGISLATIVE REFORM

- MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR INSTITUTIONALISED CARE
- INTER-AGENCY PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES FOR CROSS-REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION
- ACCREDITATION AND CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT OF CARE WORKERS AS WELL AS DISQUALIFICATION
- REGISTER OF ABUSIVE PERSONS
- CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
- PENSION REFORM
- INSURANCE PROVISIONS