
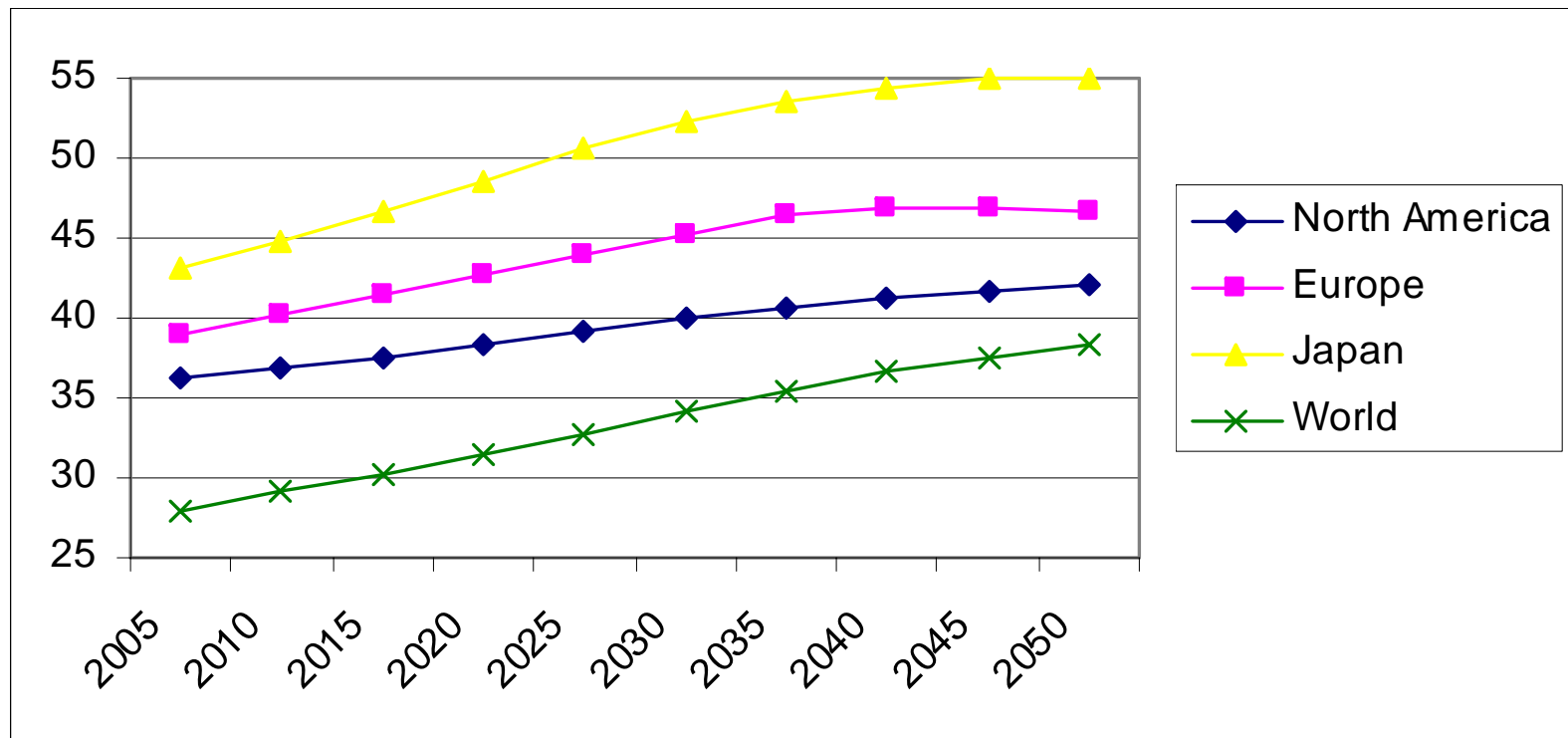


International Initiatives to Support Healthy Aging and Independent Living

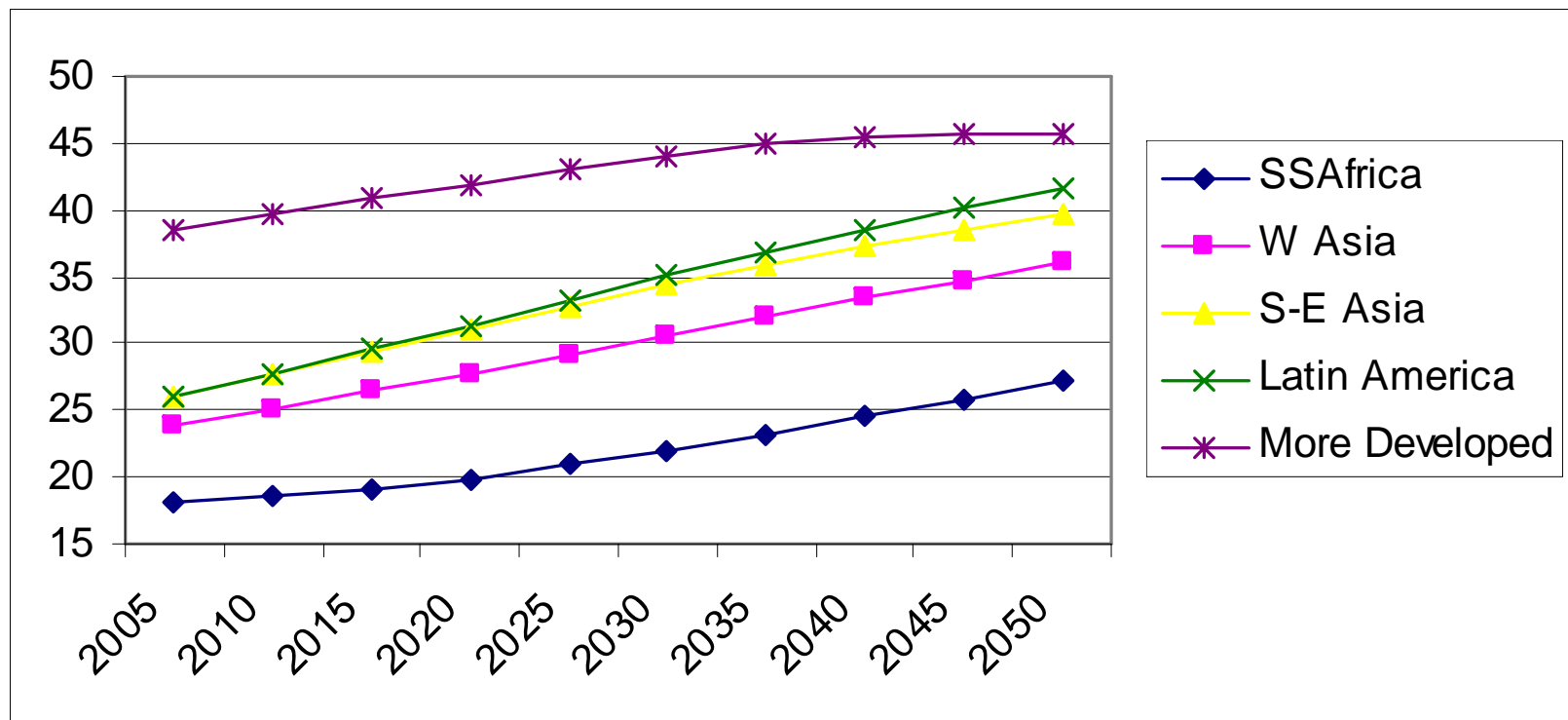
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Median age in developed countries is significantly higher than the world average



Developing country populations are also aging



Healthy Aging on the Agenda

- United Nations
- World Health Organization
- Food and Agriculture Organization
- Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
- G-8
- Others

United Nations

- 1982 Vienna International Plan of Action on Aging
- 1991 United Nations Principles for Older Persons
- 1992 UN Proclamation on Aging
- International Year of Older Persons
- World Assembly on Aging



UN Programme on Aging

- International 'Roadmap'
 - Mainstreaming aging
- Building national capacity
 - Developing national strategies
- Research agenda
 - Research Agenda for Aging
In the 21st Century



United Nations
Programme on Ageing

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UN Programme on Aging

- Partnership
 - UN entities
 - Member governments
 - Intergovernmental organizations
 - Non-governmental organizations
 - Research collaboration (International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics)



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World Health Organization

- Policy recommendations
 - World Health Assembly resolution 58.16
 - International Plan of Action on Aging:
report on implementation by WHO Secretariat
 - Commission on Social Determinants of Health



World Health
Organization

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- Research
 - Collaborating Centres on Aging and Health
 - WHO Study on Global Aging and Adult Health

Food and Agriculture Organization

- Availability of food
- Sustainable agricultural development

Natural Resources Management and Environment Department



OECD

- Impact of aging populations on economies
 - Labor force participation
Declining OECD populations need older workers to ensure adequate output and growth
 - Implications for budgets
Changes in social spending (pensions, health care) stress national budgets, particularly as the ratio of working to dependent persons declines



G-8

- G-8 Summit in 1997 – looked at challenges of aging populations
- G-8 Governmental Conference and symposium on active aging
- ‘Active Aging’ =
 - working longer
 - retiring later
 - engaging in voluntary work after retirement
 - practicing healthy aging life styles.

International Labor Organization

- Provide analysis on labor market links with social expenditure
- Report on income security for the elderly via pensions systems
- Examine the costs of health care



World Bank

- Aging and Old-Age Income Support
 - Pension programs for the formal sector
 - Options outside the formal sector
 - Pensions vs. education, health, etc.
- Aging and Social Development
 - Included in social assessments
- Aging and Gender Issues
 - Evaluate needs/constraints

