

ROUNDTABLE SERIES


MAINSTREAMING KNOWLEDGE ON AGEING

Bridging paths towards strengthening protection and participation



ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR OLDER PERSONS: Effective and participative systems

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 9:30–11:10 (NY time)/
15:30–17:10 (CET)

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BACKGROUND

Access to justice is a basic principle of the rule of law as the cornerstone for democratic governance and combating inequality and exclusion. Its effective application envisages guaranteeing people to exercise their rights, hold perpetrators and decision-makers accountable.

In the absence of access to justice, people are unable to have their voice heard; therefore, it is essential to count on measures in law and practice for providing fair, transparent, effective, non-discriminatory and accountable services that promote access to justice for all. As highlighted by States in the Declaration of the High-Level Meeting on the Rule of Law in 2012: The independence of the judicial system, together with its impartiality and integrity, is an essential prerequisite for upholding the rule of law and ensuring that there is no discrimination in the administration of justice.¹

This principle entails different challenges that could be deepened throughout the ageing process because of different factors, such as poverty or discrimination based on age, sex or gender, expression, sexual orientation, disability, national or social origin, migration status, health status, beliefs, political or other opinion, or the rural and urban divide.

Older persons, in particular, could face invisibility, lack of awareness of their rights, obligations, and existing mechanisms as well as lack of availability of effective systems and legal aid, besides of fear and shame to report abuses.

In this regard, this event will be an opportunity to better understand relevant elements to combatting ageism and other barriers for access to justice.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

To learn from good practices on the existing normative, national policies, and other initiatives on access to justice for older persons, including guaranteeing truth, reparation, memory, and non-recurrence.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The event is open to different actors interested in ageing and the rights of older persons, including:

- Public sector officials, policy makers and practitioners
- International Organizations
- Civil Society
- National Human Rights Institutions
- Academia
- Private sector

This event as well as the upcoming ones from the virtual roundtable series are **open and free to All**.

FORMAT

Online. Due to the worldwide situation caused by the pandemic, these events will be celebrated online with spirit of inclusion to allow participants from different parts of the world to join us.

¹ <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N12/478/66/PDF/N1247866.pdf?OpenElement>



SPECIAL NOTES

1. Participants who want to receive a certificate of participation need to fulfill the following criteria: Having participated at least 75% by Zoom (To be measured by the system).
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PROGRAM

Speakers



Mr. Pradeep Wagle
Chief of the Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Section, OHCHR, Geneva



Mr. Joel Hernández García
Commissioner, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, OAS



Mme. Gladice Pickering
Executive Director, Ministry of Justice, Namibia



Mr. Daniel Uribe Terán
Lead Program Officer, South Center
Former Coordinator of the Chamber of Case Selection, Constitutional Court of Ecuador

Moderator



Mr. Alex Mejia
Director, Division for People and Social Inclusion
UNITAR

Welcome message



Mr. Nikhil Seth
UN Assistant Secretary-General
Executive Director, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

Extra bonus: Analysis on the legal gaps on access to justice for older persons at international level



Dr. Michael Ashley Stein
Co-founder and Executive Director of the Harvard Law School Project on Disability,
Visiting Professor at Harvard Law School





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