

ROUNDTABLE SERIES

MAINSTREAMING KNOWLEDGE ON AGEING



*Bridging paths towards
strengthening protection
and participation*

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Virtual Roundtable Series “Mainstreaming Knowledge on Ageing” began in 2022, bringing together partners and participants to assess the state of ageing and the human rights of older persons in its first year. The second year focused on access to justice, labor markets, political participation, healthcare, social services, and cultural and leisure activities. Last year, the series addressed the quality of life for older persons. This year series will be the opportunity to learn on advancing the human rights of older persons in times of converging crises. We will address critical issues affecting older persons, including their right to work, healthcare, technology, legal protection, and food security in times of peace and war.

The human rights of older persons and frontier issues, such as the demographic worldwide scenario, gender, human mobility, digital divide, and climate change, will continue as the heart of our discussions.

In our series, we consider national, regional, and international standards, as well as public policies, programs, and other initiatives as key learning elements. In the same vein, we envisage that heightening awareness of ICT/digital accessibility implementation from design is relevant to better understand how older persons can benefit from digital products and services as means to actively participate in political, cultural, and socio economic activities. By involving diverse stakeholders as co-sponsors, experts, speakers, and attendees, we aim to enhance discussions and build stronger synergies towards achieving our common goal.

In this endeavour, UNITAR and its International Training Centres for Authorities and Leaders -CIFAL Global Network-, UNDESA, UNFPA, IOM, UNWOMEN, UNHCR, WHO, OHCHR, ITU and ILO; together with the Group of Friends of the Human Rights of Older Persons UN Geneva; the Global Initiative on Ageing Foundation, GIA; the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuses; the International Longevity Centre; and the NGO Committee on Ageing Geneva; and the Harvard Law School Project on Disability, have joined efforts to put together this initiative as a contribution to inclusive learning in the framework of the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Fostering knowledge on the impact of including older persons in the implementation of standards and the work of diverse mechanisms.
2. Learning from some good practices and challenges, including laws, policies, and strategies on accessibility issues, from different stakeholders.
3. Identifying existing initiatives and possible ways to improve the protection and participation of older persons in times of converging crises.
4. Recognizing possible synergies for strengthening partnership to advance the human rights of older persons.



¹ Our Common Agenda. Secretary-General's report on "Our Common Agenda" ([un.org](https://www.un.org/en/secretary-generals-report))

² Report of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing on its thirteenth session. [A AC.278.2023.2 en.pdf \(un.org\)](https://www.un.org/en/secretary-generals-report)

VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLES

The right to work for older Migrants, Refugees, and Stateless persons.

1st event**Brief description:**

Among other challenges, these groups face challenges such as ageism, lack of legal recognition, limited access to social protection, and barriers in navigating restrictive labor market laws and policies, preventing them from fully enjoying their right to work.

General Objective:

To better understand why the effective promotion and protection of the right to work for these groups is important for their economic independence, dignity, social inclusion, and active participation in society, while reducing vulnerabilities and combating ageism.

Date:

Wednesday, from 15:30 to 17:00, 14 May, 2025

Access to health systems for older persons in conflict areas.

2nd event**Brief description:**

Older persons in conflict areas face challenges such as the breakdown of health infrastructure, priority segregation, displacement, limited access to essential medical care, medication, and support services, exacerbating their vulnerabilities.

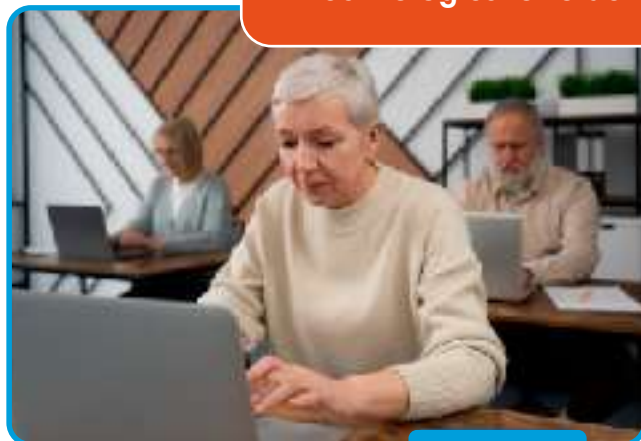
General Objective:

To understand the specific barriers they face in receiving adequate healthcare and to advocate for age-inclusive humanitarian responses that ensure their health needs are met during and after conflicts.

Date:

Thursday, from 15:30 to 17:00, 19 June

VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLES

The right to science and access to technologies for older persons.3rd event**Brief description:**

Older persons face challenges such as digital illiteracy, limited access to technology, and age-related barriers in adapting to rapidly evolving scientific advancements, hindering their ability to fully benefit from the right to science and technology.

General Objective:

To identify the barriers older persons face in accessing digital tools and scientific advancements, as well as to promote policies that ensure their inclusion, digital literacy, and equitable access to technological benefits.

Date:

Wednesday, from 15:30 to 17:00, 10 September, 2025

Accountability and redress in cases of intersectional discrimination against Older Persons.4th event**Brief description:**

Intersectional discrimination faced by older persons usually often presents inadequate legal frameworks, insufficient awareness of compounded biases, and limited access to effective mechanisms for addressing discrimination based on age, gender, disability, and socioeconomic status.

General Objective:

To recognize some challenges older persons face in seeking justice and to advocate for stronger legal frameworks and mechanisms that address discrimination based on multiple, overlapping identities.

Date:

Thursday , from 15:30 to 17:00, 16 Oct, 2025

VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLES

Increased demographics, urbanism and the right to food for older persons.

5th event**Brief description:**

This problematic is related to food security due to limited access to affordable, nutritious food, inadequate urban policies that fail to account for older persons, and the strain on resources in rapidly growing urban areas.

General Objective:

To raise awareness about the impact of urbanization on food security for older persons and to promote sustainable policies that ensure access to nutritious food for them in all settings.

Date:

Thursday , from 15:30 to 17:00, 13 Nov, 2025

FINAL OUTCOME OF THE SERIES

Same as for the first round of the series, video recordings of the events will be available on the Youtube account of UNITAR's SDP: [Mainstreaming Knowledge on Ageing - YouTube](#) as well as on the official UNITAR's webpage [Ageing & Older Persons | UNITAR](#) and the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing platform: <https://www.decadeofhealthyageing.org>. After the celebration of the events, those participants who joined will be receiving the respective video recording together with takeaway messages. This information will serve as a basis to keep mainstreaming knowledge towards strengthening the protection of older persons.

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

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

REGISTRATION

This series is open and free to All. For the 5 virtual roundtables that constitute the series, just one registration is needed. Participants will receive the link for each virtual roundtable one day before the event. Additional and specific information on each event will also be shared!

Join us!

Register now!

Earn a certificate of participation!



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