



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. The third year addressed the quality of life for older persons. The fourth year series covered the human rights of older persons in times of converging crises. This year series will be the opportunity to learn on advancing the human rights of older persons from the security perspective under the following clusters: For legal protection, economic and employment security, political and civic security, health and Social Security, Cultural, Recreational, and Digital Security.

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. Strengthen understanding of the needs, capacities, and contributions of older persons within legal, economic, social, and civic frameworks across the life course.
2. Examine good practices and enabling environments that empower older persons to exercise their rights, prevent discrimination, and build resilience.
3. Identify practical measures that support autonomy, economic security, health, and meaningful civic, cultural, and digital participation of older persons.
4. Promote synergies and partnerships that recognize older persons as active agents, enhancing their full, safe, and meaningful participation in all areas of life.

Virtual Roundtables



1. Legal Protection for Older Persons

Brief Description: This event will be an opportunity to better understand relevant elements to combatting ageism and other barriers for access to justice.

General Objective: To deepen understanding of measures that strengthen equal protection under the law and enhance older persons' ability to claim and exercise their rights.

Date: Thursday.21.05. 2026.15:30-17:00. Registration here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4eLrApTOSPO-vtmtvSnVrA#/registration



2. Economic and Employment Security for Older Persons

Brief Description: Ensuring protection against age-based marginalization, promoting fair employment conditions, and safeguarding sustainable livelihoods throughout the life course.

General Objective: To identify strategies that promote fair working conditions, lifelong employability, and financial resilience in later life.

Date: Thursday.25.06. 2026.15:30-17:00. Registration here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mY9rGTqSREGUO2WpIFL8qw#/registration



3. Political and Civic Security for Older Persons

Brief Description: Protecting the right to safe and meaningful participation in democratic processes, governance, and community decision-making.

General Objective: To strengthen inclusive governance practices that recognize and support active citizenship in older age.

Date: Thursday.24.09. 2026.15:30-17:00. Registration here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kvkgdJWSrqJkmOkYBtQLw#/registration



4. Health and Social Security for Older Persons

Brief Description: Guaranteeing equitable access to safe, quality, and sustainable health and social care, addressing vulnerabilities associated with ageing.

General Objective: To advance equitable, quality, and sustainable services that support well-being across the life course.

Date: Thursday, 22.10.2026. 15:30-17:00. Registration here https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wJR9XY7tRf-yIXMVM-sOJw#/registration



5. Cultural, Recreational, and Digital Security for Older Persons

Brief Description: Promoting safe, inclusive, and dignified participation in cultural, leisure, and intergenerational activities that support well-being and social cohesion.

General Objective: To learn about opportunities that enable older persons to remain connected, engaged, and active members of society.

Date: Thursday, 26.11.2026. 15:30-17:00. Registrations here https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Y_owwSdBtSql1rUarpkplA#/registration

Final Outcome of the Series

Same as for the previous years of the series, video recordings of the events will be available on the Youtubeaccount 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.



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