

ROUNDTABLE SERIES

MAINSTREAMING KNOWLEDGE ON AGEING


Bridging paths towards strengthening protection and participation



ACCESS TO CULTURAL AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES:

Tackling Individual interests towards intergenerational social construction

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

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BACKGROUND

Cultural rights are means to express the diversity of humanity through inter alia, values, beliefs, convictions, languages, knowledge and the arts, institutions, and ways of life; likewise, these rights also protect access to heritage and resources that allow such identification and development processes to take place.¹

In the same vein, leisure activities can contribute to economic development, international understanding, peace, prosperity, and universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms.²

In this framework, access to cultural and leisure activities for older persons pursues social cohesion, which includes intergenerational dialogue, while fostering harmony and the promotion of mental and physical health, dignity, as well as prosper societies for all.

Therefore, targeted norms, mechanisms, public policies, as well as other initiatives in this regard should in a systematic manner encompass a structural transformation of those institutions and attitudes that reflect and entrench ageism.

Learning about the benefits and challenges coming from access to cultural and leisure activities of older persons is key to raising awareness and explore ways to move forward to better protect and promote their human rights.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

This event will be the scenario to learn about the impact of cultural and leisure activities to foster social inclusion, personal and collective wellbeing. It will also be the opportunity to better understand how the enjoyment of cultural rights and leisure activities is critical for the respect of older person's dignity as well as for sustainable peace, equality, and development.

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 Mapping cultural rights: nature, issues at stake and challenges | OHCHR

² El Tutor en actividades de ocio: OMT y sistema de las Naciones Unidas - UNESCO Digital Library
UNWTO Basic Documents, Volume I – Statutes, Rules of Procedure, Agreements (e-unwto.org)



SPECIAL NOTES

1. Only those participants who join us by Zoom, at less 75% of the time, could have access to a certificate of participation by UNITAR. The system will automatically be measuring connection time per session.
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PROGRAM

Speakers



Professor Alexandra Xanthaki
UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights
Professor of Laws at Brunei University London, UK



Mr. Igor Stefanovic
Technical Coordinator of the UN World Tourism Organization, UNWTO, Ethics, Culture and Social Responsibility Department



Dr. Diego Bernardini
Doctor, expert, writer, and lecturer in Gerontology



Dr. Michael Hodin
CEO of the Global Coalition of Ageing Managing Partner, High Lantern Group



Dr. Bryan Kennedy
President of Brian P. Kennedy Art Consulting Expert in visual literacy and creative ageing

Moderator



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

Keynote speaker



H.E. Amb Mme Anita Pipan (tbc)
Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva

Closing remarks for the whole series



Amb. Luis Benigno Gallegos
President of UNITAR's Board of Trustees
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Ecuador





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