



**ROUNDTABLE SERIES**


# MAINSTREAMING KNOWLEDGE ON AGEING

*Bridging paths towards strengthening protection and participation*



## The impact of including older persons in the implementation of multilateral agreements

 **30** May 2024

 **9.30 a.m. – 11.10 a.m. (NY time) / 3.30 p.m. – 5.10 p.m. (CET)**

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## Background

Including the perspective and needs of older persons in multilateral agreements and policies is crucial for promoting and protecting their human rights. It acknowledges their agency and autonomy, allowing them to actively engage in shaping the policies that affect their lives.

They can contribute through their unique perspectives and experiences to the development and implementation of laws and policies; they can help to identify potential barriers or challenges and advance more effective strategies for implementation. Furthermore, taking into account their views, enhances the legitimacy, effectiveness, and inclusiveness of different processes, leading to better outcomes for all members of society.

In the same vein, their participation in fora focused on making visible and overcoming problems of ageism, together with gender and other forms of discrimination, as well as the intergenerational divide, which have increased due to various frontier issues, in particular new technologies, human mobility, and climate change, ensures that their voices are heard and their needs are considered, leading to more representative decision-making processes.

Likewise, it fosters a sense of social cohesion, cooperation, and solidarity across generation while recognizing their contributions, ultimately leads to more effective, and responsive policies that benefit all.

In this regard, there are ongoing processes at the multilateral level are taking place as part of the efforts to promote and advance the older persons' agenda. Learning about their key aspects and their latest progresses is important to raise awareness and empower participants to take further action.

## General Objective

To identify existing actions and partnerships as well as pending gaps for the effective inclusion and protection of older persons in multilateral settings and agreements.

## 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.



## 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).
2. You're warmly welcome to send questions or suggestions in advance to [sdp@unitar.org](mailto:sdp@unitar.org)
3. After the celebration of each event, those participants who joined them will be receiving the respective video recording together with takeaway messages.

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## Program

### Moderator



**Mr. Alex Mejia**

Director, Division for People and Social Inclusion  
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### Welcome Remarks



**H.E. Amb. Luis Gallegos Chiriboga**

UNITAR's Chair of the Board of Trustees;  
President of the Global Initiative on Ageing, GIA  
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Ecuador

### Keynote Speaker



**Mme. Claudia Mahler**

UN Independent Expert on the enjoyment  
of all human rights by older persons

### Speakers



**H.E. Amb. Héctor Virgilio Alcántara**

Permanent Representative of Dominican Republic  
to the UN in Geneva



**Dr. Chitralekha Marie Massey**

Chief, The Rights of Older Persons, Development and Economic and Social Issues Branch,  
Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division  
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)



**Ms. Julia Ferre**

Social Affairs Officer, Programme on Ageing Section, Social Inclusion and Participation Branch,  
Division for Inclusive Social Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)



**Ms. Marcela Bustamante**

Regional Representative  
Helpage International  
Bogotá, Colombia

### Analysis on the legal obligations and responsibilities 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

