

 VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE SERIES / 5 FREE EVENTS

MAINSTREAMING KNOWLEDGE ON AGEING

Bridging paths towards strengthening protection and participation

Second event

“Two worlds, same goal: Ongoing efforts at the UN General Assembly and the UN Human Rights Council for the rights of older persons”

 **30** June 2022

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



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Background

Ageing and the Human Rights Older Persons have been addressed for many decades in the international arena, mainly at the United Nations General Assembly and its Third Committee, together with the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing in NY. Likewise, it is part of the topics covered by the United Nations Human Rights Council and its Universal Periodic Review.

In these scenarios, some core achievements have been made, such as the the UN Principles for older persons (1991), the adoption of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (2002), the creation of the Open-Ended Working Group for the purpose of strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons (2010), the creation of the mandate for the UN Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons (2013), and the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021-2030). Moreover, several Resolutions, panels, reports, and other initiatives on the rights of this group have been developed.

Many different stakeholders have been involved in this endeavor, in particular States, UN agencies, National Human Rights Institutions and Non-Governmental Organizations. In addition, the Group of Friends of Older Persons in NY and the Group of Friends of the Human Rights of Older Persons in Geneva were conformed as the result of the commitment by groups of States in advancing on this topic.

In this regard, this second event will be the opportunity to exchange information from NY and Geneva on the status, developments, and possibilities to complement and align further efforts.

General Objective

To raise awareness on the dynamics in New York and Geneva, as a basis to take stock on existing and upcoming efforts towards strengthening further synergies as well as engaging different actors in the discussions.

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. Each event will have a specific focus.

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. Only those participants who join the virtual roundtable series by Zoom could have access to a Certificate of Participation by UNITAR. How? Having participated at least 75% in each of the virtual roundtables (To be measured by the system). Those participants who join us, at less 75% of the 5 events of the series, will be receiving access to a quiz, if they pass it, they will be receiving access to a Certificate of Completion for 8 hours 30 minutes related to the whole series.
2. You're warmly welcome to send questions or suggestions in advance to sdp@unitar.org
3. After the celebration of the events, those participants who joined them will be receiving the respective video recording together with takeaway messages.

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Program

Speakers:



H.E. Ambassador Paula Narvaez Ojeda
Permanent Representative of Chile to the UN and other International Organizations in New York/ Chair of the Group of Friends of Older Persons in NY



Ms. Amal Abou Rafeh
Chief, Programme on Ageing Section Social Inclusion and Participation Branch Division for Inclusive Social Development UNDESA



Mme. Sabina Carli
Co-chair of the Group of Friends of Human Rights of Older Persons in Geneva at experts level. Permanent Mission of Slovenia to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva



Mr. Rio Hada
Focal Point on the Human Rights of Older Persons of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, OHCHR



Ms. Anna Chabiera
National Human Rights Institution of Poland



Ms. Silvia Perel-Levin
INPEA, ILC GA, & Geneva NGO Committee on Ageing

Welcoming Remarks



H.E. Ambassador Luis Gallegos (Video-message)
UNITAR's Chair of the Board of Trustees, President of the Global Initiative on Ageing Foundation (GIA)

Keynote Speaker



Dr. Claudia Mahler
UN Independent Expert on the full enjoyment of the Human Rights by Older Persons

Moderator



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

Wrap-up Message

