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MAINSTREAMING KNOWLEDGE ON AGEING

Bridging paths towards strengthening protection and participation

First event

“The Human Rights of Older Persons and Frontier Issues: Building Capacities for Effective Protection from Multilateral Scenarios”

 **26** May 2022

 9:00 - 10:40 (NY time)
15:00 - 16:40 (CET)



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Background

Ageing is a natural process. Sooner or later we will all experience older age by firsthand, or because one of our relatives, friends or colleagues are already or getting closer to this stage of life. Ageing is also a global phenomenon, By 2050, one in six people in the world will be aged 65 and over.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to highlight the gravity and urgency of the situation for older persons, who have been disproportionately impacted by the crisis. The pandemic has also exposed longstanding gaps in the enjoyment of human rights by older persons, amplified by existing structures of inequality and disadvantage that are deeply rooted in ageism against older people.

At the same time, the COVID-19 recovery is an opportunity to set the stage for a more inclusive, equitable and age-friendly society that values contributions of older persons and upholds their dignity.

Strengthening the promotion and protection of the human rights of older persons involve individuals of all ages and societies as a whole. This endeavour should be addressed in a comprehensive manner at local, national, regional, and international levels. The interlinkages between ageing and frontier issues, understood as those matters that are not usually associated to a certain topic but indeed are significantly correlated, should also be understood to move forward from theory to practice.

In this regard, at this first event some UN entities will be sharing some information from their respective fields on existing initiatives and standards on the demographic worldwide scenario, gender data, human mobility, digital divide, and climate change as frontier issues to the rights of older persons. This space is envisaged as an opportunity to learn from ongoing efforts coming from multilateral scenarios, as well as the feasibility of its development.

General Objective

To learn from developments on the protection of older persons in frontier issues to human rights.

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? a) Having participated at least 75% in the 5 virtual roundtables (To be measured by the system). b) Passing a multiple-choice quiz, at least with 75% of the total grade. Note: Just those participants who have succeeded the first criteria will receive information to access to the quiz. Once that participants have approved it, then they will be receiving access to print their own certificates.
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:

Human Rights



Mr. Rio Hada
OHCHR Focal Point on the Human Rights of Older Persons

Human Mobility



Mr. Daniel Silva y Poveda
Policy Officer, Migration and Sustainable Development Division, IOM

Digital Divide



Ms. Roxana Widmer-Iliescu
Senior Coordinator Digital Inclusion, ITU-D Focal Point for Older Persons - ITU-D Focal Point for ICT/digital accessibility

Climate Change & Health



Ms. Alana Officer
Unit Head, Demographic Change and Healthy Ageing

Welcoming Remarks



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

Keynote Speaker



H.E. Amb. Federico Villegas
President of the UN Human Rights Council, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva

Moderator



Ms. Monica Ferro
Director of Geneva Office UNFPA

Wrap-up Message



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

