Multi-stakeholder meeting on the human rights of older persons

29-30 August 2022

Room XVII, Palais des Nations, Geneva and online platform (Zoom)

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29 August 2022

10:00 – 10:30 Opening session

Moderator:

Ms. Peggy Hicks, Director of the Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division, OHCHR

Opening remarks:

Ms. Michelle Bachelet, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Mr. Volker Türk, Under-Secretary-General for Policy, Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General

H.E. Mr. Federico Villegas, President of the Human Rights Council

Ms. Claudia Mahler, UN Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons

10:30 – 12:00 Session 1: Limitations and gaps of selected human rights norms and obligations

Moderator:

Ms. Bridget Sleap, Senior Researcher, Human Rights Watch

Panelists:

Dr. Heidrun Mollenkopf, Board member, German National Association of Senior Citizens' Organisations

Prof. Issi Doron, University of Haifa

Dr. Kiran Rabheru, Chair of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People

15:00-17:00 Session 2: Adequacy of existing human rights mechanisms in responding to the challenges

Moderator:

Prof. Andrew Byrnes, University of New South Wales

Panelists:

Ms. Heisoo Shin, Vice-Chair of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Ms. Gertrude Oforiwa Fefoame, Member of UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Ms. Vasilka Sancin, Vice-Chair of the UN Human Rights Committee

Ms. Anna Chabiera, Senior Specialist, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights of Poland

Ms. Margarette May Macaulay, Rapporteur on the Rights of Older Persons of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

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Session 3: Strengthening coordinated actions for the protection of the human rights of older persons

Moderator:

Ms. Silvia Perel-Levin, Chair of the subcommittee on the human rights of older persons of the NGO Committee on Ageing in Geneva

Panelists:

Dr. Matthias von Schwanenflügel, Head of Directorate-General on Demographic Change, Senior Citizens and Welfare, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany

Ms. Claire Sookhyun Oh, Associate Director of the National Human Rights Commission of Korea

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

15:00 – 16:45 Session 4: Towards strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons

Moderator:

H.E. Mr. Luis Gallegos, Chair of the Board of Trustees, United Nations Institute for Training and Research / President of the Global Initiative on Ageing Foundation

Panelists:

Ms. Mónica Roqué, Chair of the Latin American Association of Community Gerontology

Ms. Emem Omokaro, Director-General, National Senior Citizens Center of Nigeria

Ms. Claudia Mahler, UN Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons

Mr. Franklin M. Quijano, Chair of the National Commission on Senior Citizens of the Philippines

Ms. Amal Abou Rafeh, Chief, Programme on Ageing, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

16:45 – 17:00 Closing session

H.E. Ms. Anita Pipan, Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the United Nations Office at Geneva

Ms. Peggy Hicks, Director of the Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division, OHCHR