

 **ROUNDTABLE SERIES**

MAINSTREAMING KNOWLEDGE ON AGEING

Bridging paths towards strengthening protection and participation

5 free events



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Throughout the years, different stakeholders have struggled for the effective promotion and protection of the human rights of older persons. As a result, landmark steps have been taken at international level to strengthen the protection of this group, including the UN Principles for older persons (1991), the adoption of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing in 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), as well as the adoption of specific Resolutions in the framework of the UN General Assembly and the UN Human Rights Council.

While remarkable progresses in particular mechanisms, programs, projects, plans and campaigns have been developed to implement and follow up the commitments undertaken at local, national, regional, and international level, several challenges remain towards the full enjoyment of the rights of older persons.

Problems of ageism, together with gender and other causes of discrimination, as well as the intergenerational gap have increased due to different frontier issues, in particular new technologies, human mobility, and climate change.

In addition, there are still pending tasks to ensure the dignity and human rights of this group, particularly in accessing health and long-term care, life-long learning, the labour market as well as the prevention of abuse and violence.

In this regard, an integral approach is needed to maximize synergies and identify interlinkages across existing and future initiatives. A better understanding of missing elements can be useful to provide the necessary attention, resources, information, options for integration, and services for older persons, including those who are migrants or refugees. The experience coming from ageing place elderly people in a strategic position for supporting this endeavor.

In order to support this aspiration, UNITAR and its 24 International Training Centers for Authorities and Leaders -CIFAL Global Network-, UNDESA, UNFPA, IOM, UNWOMEN, UNHCR, WHO, OHCHR and ITU together with the Group of Friends of Older Persons United Nations New York; the Group of Friends of the Human Rights of Older Persons UN Geneva; the Global Initiative on Ageing Foundation, GIA; the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuses; the International Longevity Centre; and the NGO Committee on Ageing Geneva, have joined efforts to put together these Virtual Roundtable Series as a contribution to inclusive learning through enriching dialogues with and different stakeholders.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Better understanding the current scenario on the thematic.
2. Learning from some good practices and challenges, including policies and strategies, from different stakeholders.
3. Identifying the linkages between the rights of older persons and frontier issues.
4. Recognizing possible synergies for strengthening the protection as well as promoting the free, active, and meaningful participation of older persons.



VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLES

1st.



[Launch ceremony]
“The Human Rights of Older Persons and Frontier Issues: Building capacities for effective protection from multilateral scenarios”

Brief description: This space will be the opportunity to put together some UN entities to share some information on existing initiatives and standards related to older persons, in their respective fields -as a motivation on the opportunities 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.

Date: 26 May 2022

Special attention to: UN entities, States.

2nd.



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

Brief description: This dialogue 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 at the General Assembly in NY, at the Third Committee and the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing, as well as in Geneva at the UN Human Rights Council.

Date: 30 June 2022

Special attention to: Delegates of Permanent Missions in NY and Gva. NGOs.



3rd.



“From Engagement to Action in the protection and participation of older persons: Good practices and challenges in the implementation of the recommendations accepted by States in revision mechanisms/ Conventions”

Brief description: This event will be the opportunity to understand some revision mechanism and its potential through the engagement and action of States.

General Objective: To learn from some good practices and challenges on the implementation of the recommendations related to older persons presented during some mechanisms, including the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and its Review and Appraisals exercises; the Universal Periodic Review (UPR, as unique State-driven process to improve the human rights situations in the field; and, the recommendations and reports of the Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of all Human Rights by Older Persons.

Date: 6 September 2022

Special attention to: Delegates of different public institutions at local and national level, delegates in capitals and those appointed to the UN HRC in Geneva.

4th.



“Voices from the ground: Advocacy and action for protection and participation of older persons”

Brief description: This roundtable will bring together experience from civil society, including NGOs's and Academia, due to their work on ageing issues.

General Objective: To share information on advocacy and action efforts as well as assess opportunities for joint contribution with other stakeholders.

Date: 13 October 2022

Special attention to: Civil Society, NHRI's, and States.



5th.



“UN in the field: Empowerment and alignment in the work to strengthen protection and participation of older persons”

Brief description: This space will be the opportunity to bring together the experience from UN entities in the field on ageing issues from different perspectives, including humanitarian efforts, by considering the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing and initiatives to support the implementation of recommendations related to older persons presented in the framework of different mechanisms.

General Objective: To exchange information on UN ongoing efforts, through partnerships with different stakeholders.

Date: 17 November 2022

Special attention to: UN Resident Coordinators, UN Country Teams, and other UN representations in the field.

FINAL OUTCOME OF THE SERIES

Video recordings of the series will be uploaded in the Youtube account of UNITAR's SDP:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/UNITARDivisionforPeopleandSocialInclusion/featured> as well as on the Decade of Ageing platform: <https://www.decadeofhealthyageing.org>. After the celebration of the events, those participants who joined them will be receiving the respective video recording together with takeaway messages. This information will serve as a basis to keep mainstreaming knowledge towards strengthening the protection of older persons.

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

Participants who want to receive a certificate of participation need to fulfill two criteria:

- Having participated at least 75% in the 5 virtual roundtables by using the Zoom link (To be measured by the system)
- Pass a multiple-choice quiz, at least 75%

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.

REGISTRATION

These series are open and free to All. For the 5 virtual roundtables that constitute the series, just one registration is needed. Participants will receive the link for each virtual roundtable one day before the event. Additional and specific information on each event will also be shared!

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