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10 October: 09:00 to 15:30, Bangkok time

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Hybrid, Meeting Room-H, United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok [by invitation only]

### **PARTICIPANTS BIOS**

(In order of programme outline)



**Srinivas Tata**, *Director, Social Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP), Bangkok, Thailand*

Dr. Tata is the Director of the Social Development Division of ESCAP. He has 18 years of experience working with the United Nations. As the head of the Social Development Division, his responsibilities include supporting member States in the promotion of social protection, fostering gender equality, and strengthening social inclusion of persons with disabilities, older persons, youth and migrants, among others. He is a physician by qualification with experience in social policy, public health and programme management. He has served in a wide range of positions within the United Nations. He has previously served as the Chief of the Capacity Development and Partnerships Section of the Strategy and Programme Management Division, providing support to

all ESCAP Divisions and Offices for the formulation and implementation of technical cooperation projects and managed partnerships with a wide range of stakeholders. Prior to joining the UN, he was posted as Director (Public Health) in the Ministry of Health in the Government of India, dealing with financing and implementation of large health programmes, and policies involving affordable access to medicines.



**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. Julia Ferre is currently a Social Affairs Officer at the Programme on Ageing Section in the United Nations Department of Economic Social Affairs (UN DESA), Julia has 15 years of experience in international development at the regional and international levels. Her professional experience in socioeconomic development ranges from gender to migration to, more recently, population ageing and older persons. In her current position, she supports Member States and Intergovernmental bodies within the United Nations in the implementation of plans and recommendations on older persons and

population ageing, as well as in mainstreaming population ageing and integrating issues of relevance to older persons in the implementation of development frameworks, such as the 2030 Development Agenda.



**Paul Ong**, *Chief Strategy Officer of the Tsao Foundation, Singapore*

Associate Professor Paul Ong is involved in shaping the strategic direction of innovations, policy initiatives and services at the Tsao Foundation for population ageing, active lifespans and the primary care of older people. He is also concurrently, adjunct Associate Professor at the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at Flinders University, Australia, in Ageing Studies. Prior to arriving at Tsao, he worked for the WHO, as a technical lead for UHC, population ageing, sustainable financing and health systems development, with a particular interest in ageing in South-East and East Asia. He was also a member of the Innovations for Healthy Ageing team at the WHO HQ Centre for Health Development, Kobe, Japan, from 2015-2018. Before this, he was the

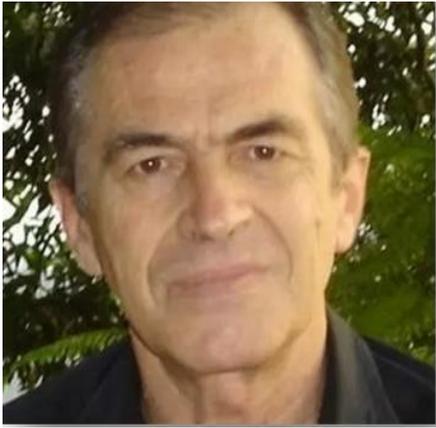
Global Health Policy and Programs Advisor for HelpAge International, London Secretariat, where he helped deliver health care and healthy-ageing programs in over 20 low- and middle-income countries. Paul has an Epidemiology, Social Science and Health Services Research background. He was both a graduate and a Fellow at Mansfield College, University of Oxford, and has been active in international health development, as well as health services research and development since 1997.



**Aliye Mosaad**, *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. Aliye Mosaad, is currently working as a Social Affairs Officer with the Programme on Ageing Section of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA). Aliye's work revolves around supporting and servicing intergovernmental processes of the General Assembly, the Social and Economic Council, and the Commission for Social Development. She also aims to expand the mainstreaming of ageing related issues across the United Nations system and with relevant stakeholders including civil society and the private sector. Previously, Aliye worked as an Associate Expert with the Programme on Youth Unit, also gaining relevant social development policy experience at DESA. She

also has many years of experience in academia, having worked as a research assistant focused on the epidemiology of ageing, and as a graduate teaching assistant focused on health policy. This work has enabled her to gain an understanding of the cumulative role that the social determinants of health play across the life course, and the importance of using reliable data sources to inform policy-making decisions. Aliye received her bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia, a Professional Graduate Certificate from Harvard University in Business Economics, and a Master of Public Health degree from the University of South Florida. Aliye is currently a doctoral candidate in the field of public health, working on her dissertation research at the State University of New York, Downstate Health Sciences University.



**Eduardo Klien**, *Regional Representative, HelpAge International, Asia-Pacific Regional Office, Thailand*

Mr. Eduardo Klien has degrees in Economics and Political Science. He has a wide experience in advising multiple governments on issues related to social and economic planning. He has held senior management positions in development programmes in Latin America, Africa and Asia. Since 2005, he was appointed Regional Director at HelpAge. Previously he was a Lecturer in the field of Economic Development. Mr. Eduardo Klien was a visiting Research Fellow at the University of Oxford. His areas of expertise range from social and economic development planning, demography and ageing-related issues at micro and macro levels, analysis of social pensions, health systems, inclusive community-based development and emergency responses and advocacy strategies for development policies.



**Andrew Byrnes**, *Emeritus Professor of International Law and Human Rights, University of South Wales, Australia*

Mr. Andrew Byrnes is Emeritus Professor of International Law and Human Rights, Australian Human Rights Institute, Faculty of Law and Justice, University of New South Wales. He has worked on human rights law nationally and internationally, including with civil society organisations and national human rights institutions. He has acted as a consultant to the United Nations, including most recently on the rights of older persons and the rights of persons with disabilities. He serves on the boards of the Seniors Rights Service (NSW) and of the Older Persons Advocacy Network (OPAN) and on the National Human Rights Committee of the Law Council of Australia. He is one of the co-founders of the Rights of Older Persons Australia network (ROPA).



**Karen Gomez Dumpit**, *Chair of the Philippine Working Group for an ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism, Philippines*

Ms. Karen Gomez Dumpit, Chair of the Philippine Working Group for an ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism, Philippines Karen S. Gomez Dumpit is a Former Commissioner of the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP). She served the Philippine Government for 32 years devoting 28 years in the CHRP as the Director of Child Rights Center and Director of the Government Linkages Office. Karen has worked towards the passage and implementation of various laws including the Juvenile Justice Welfare Act, Law Prohibiting the Imposition of the Death Penalty, International Humanitarian Law Bill, Anti-Torture Act, the Human Security Act, Anti - Terrorism Act and Recognition & Reparation

of Martial Law Victims Act, National Commission of Senior Citizens Act and laws on women's rights and measures addressing gender-based violence including the Safe Spaces Act, among others. She was the CHRP's Focal Commissioner for Human Rights Education and Promotions. Her work focused on Human Rights of Older Persons, Women and Gender Equality, Right to Life / Campaign against the Reintroduction of the Death Penalty. She was Co-focal Commissioner for Human Rights Policy and sectoral concerns of Human Rights Defenders, Migrant Workers, Persons Deprived of Liberty, and Children's Rights. Karen has a degree in AB Communication Arts at the De La Salle University, Master in Public Management (with honors) at the Development Academy of the Philippines and Master of Science in Human Rights (with merit), as a British Chevening Scholar, at the London School of Economics and Political Science.



**Bethany Brown**, *Independent Human Rights Expert, Human rights, intergenerational solidarity and future generations, United States*

Ms. Bethany Brown is a lawyer, and has experience in a wide range of human rights research, writing and advocacy for older persons and persons with disabilities. She has been an advocate at the United Nations in the fields of human rights, humanitarian aid, and development since 2010. Ms. Brown received her bachelor's degree from Barnard College of Columbia University, and her Juris Doctor from American University Washington College of Law.



**Rintaro Mori**, *Regional Adviser, Population Ageing and Sustainable Development, Asia and the Pacific Regional Office, (UNFPA), Thailand*

Mr. Rintaro Mori, is Regional Advisor on Population Ageing and Sustainable Development at Asia and the Pacific Regional Office of United Nations Population Fund. He covers policy responses to both population ageing and low fertility in the region. He is a specialist in global public health, women's and children's health, health system strengthening and sustainability with over 25 years' experience at national and international level. After paediatric training in Japan, he practiced in Australia, Nepal and the United Kingdom as a senior paediatrician and studied epidemiology/public health at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. He also has experience in national policy development including women's and children's health, research/aid-work in low- and middle-income countries such as Madagascar, Bangladesh, and Mongolia. He was appointed as Director of Department of Health Policy at the National Center for Child Health and Development in Japan and Professor in Health Policy for Families and Children at Kyoto University, where he pursued his research on the life-course approach to achieve sustainable social and health care systems in the context of population ageing since 2012, before taking up his current role in 2018.



**Bussarawan (Puk) Teerawichitchainan**, *Associate Professor and Co-Director, Centre for Family and Population Research, National University of Singapore*

Ms. Bussarawan (Puk) Teerawichitchainan holds joint appointments as Associate Professor and Graduate Studies Chair in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and Co-Director of the Centre for Family and Population Research, National University of Singapore. Prior to that, she was an Associate Professor of Sociology in the School of Social Sciences, Singapore Management University where she served as Associate Dean (Research) during 2016-17. She received a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Washington. She is also a former fellowship recipient of Fulbright, the Social Science Research Council, and the Population Council. Her research interests lie at the intersection of family demography, social gerontology, population health, and social

stratification. She is Deputy Editor of *Demography* and serves on the editorial boards of *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, *Asian Population Studies* and *BMC Geriatrics*.



**Simon Brimblecombe**, *Chief Technical Adviser, ILO, Thailand*

Mr. Simon Brimblecombe is Chief Technical Adviser at the International Labour Organisation in Bangkok. He is Head of the ILO Regional Actuarial Services Unit and manages actuarial, investment and policy work in 10 countries in the region. He works with social security institutions on projects on actuarial, policy, investment and research issues including knowledge transfer and building up technical expertise within organisations. He is a qualified actuary (FIA) and economist and previously worked at the International Social Security Association and consultancies in the UK and Switzerland as well as in university lecturing positions.



**Makiko Matsumoto**, *Employment Specialist, ILO, Thailand*

Ms. Makiko Matsumoto worked in a private sector market survey company in Japan before joining the ILO in Geneva in 1998 as an associate research economist. In Geneva, she worked as a research economist in employment-related areas, such as implications of globalization and trade on employment, pro-employment macroeconomic policy framework, and youth employment and school-to-work transition of young women and men. She also contributed to policy advisory work at the country level for employment policy development and reviews. Since 2013, she has been working as an employment specialist in the Decent Work Technical Support Team for East and South-East Asia and the Pacific in ILO Bangkok. She has been

supporting research activities and policy dialogues to inform the formulation of employment policies and strategies. Such policies usually involved identification of priority sectors and identification of labour market policy measures to support sectoral development. She has also supported activities related to promotion of youth employment, formalization of the informal economy, and investment for local economic development, mainly in background knowledge generation and policy reviews. In addition, because skills development almost always constitutes an important pillar of employment policies and strategies, she significantly contributed to capacity development in the design of skills development policies, such as sectoral skills anticipation.



**Wassana Im-Em**, *Regional Technical Specialist on Population and Development, United Nations Population Fund, Asia and the Pacific Regional Office, Thailand*

Ms. Wassana Im-em has been with the United Nations Fund for Population (UNFPA) since February 2006, initially as Assistant Representative and later as Head of Office of UNFPA Thailand. In 2021, she joined the UNFPA Asia-Pacific Office as a Technical Specialist on Population and Development. She has more than 28 years of experience working in sexual and reproductive health and population, combining knowledge of research, policies, and programmes supporting UNFPA Country Offices in the region on population and development issues. Before UNFPA, she was an Associate Professor at

Mahidol University Institute for Population and Social Research, working on old age, population, and gender issues. Wassana has a PhD in Population Studies from the Australian National University in 1996 and the Population Council Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology at the University of Washington in 2000-2004.



**Tengku Aizan Hamid**, *Gerontologist and Independent Expert, Malaysia*

Dr. Tengku Aizan was appointed to the Board of PPA on 26 June 2020. He holds a PhD in Human Development and Family Studies with a minority discipline in Gerontology from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa in 1992. Professor Tengku Aizan was responsible for the establishment of the Institute of Gerontology at Universiti Putra Malaysia in 2002 and was appointed as the founding director from 1 April 2002 to May 2020. In addition, he is currently the lead consultant for urban and community age-friendly projects under the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and is also spearheading the development of the Active Aging Index (AAI) for Malaysia. Dr. Tengku Aizan sits on various organizations at the national level, namely the National Aging Advisory and Consultative Council (since 1996), the Senior Citizens Programme

Health Technical Committee (since 1997), the Technical Committee on the Health Care and Private Aged Services Act, and the National Welfare and Community Development Council (2018-2020). Professor Tengku Aizan is the President of the Malaysian Gerontological Society (2018-2021), and a fellow of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM) since 2019.



**Chan Narith**, *Undersecretary of State of the Ministry of Economy and Finance and Secretary-General of the National Social Protection Council, Cambodia Mr.*

H.E. Chan Narith serves as Under-Secretary of State of the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) and Secretary-General of the National Social Protection Council of Cambodia. Prior to this, he was an Economist at the ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO) in Singapore, then a Deputy Director General for Economic Policy of MEF, between 2011-2018. Having joined as a member of the core working group of MEF to establish the securities market in 2007, he became a Director at the Securities and Exchange Commission of Cambodia until 2011. At the same time, he was with the Supreme National Council of

Cambodia as a Researcher and Analyst from 2007 and currently serves as a Member of the Council. Early in his career, Dr. Narith was a lecturer of economics. He holds both master's and PhD degrees in economics from France.



**Shen Ke**, *Professor of Demography, Fudan University, China*

Professor Shen Ke specialises in demography and is Deputy Dean of School of Social Development and Public Policy at Fudan University in China. She received her Bachelor's degrees in Literature and Economics and her PhD degree in Economics from Peking University in China. Her research interests include population aging, intergenerational inequalities, family change, and population policy. She has introduced and extended the National Transfer Accounts method in the study of population aging in China, and her relevant research deepens the understanding of economic potential and fiscal sustainability in fast-aging societies. Her publications have appeared in leading venues, such as *Population and Development Review*, *Demography*, *Demographic Research*, and *the Journal of Economics of Ageing*. She was awarded as the TWAS Young Affiliates in 2022. She also received the distinguished young scholar award from the Chinese government in 2022, the distinguished young scholar award from Shanghai government in 2020, and the second prize of outstanding teaching achievement award from Shanghai Education Commission in 2018.

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**Marco Roncarati**, *Social Affairs Officer, Sustainable Demographic Transition Section, Social Development Division, UN-ESCAP, Thailand*

Mr. Marco Roncarati, originally from London, has five degrees from the University of London, covering anthropology, business, development studies, economics, psychology and sociology. He has lectured at various international universities and continues to enjoy exchanging knowledge. He also engages in various health and education initiatives, especially to support disadvantaged children and youth on a voluntary basis. In his teens, he realized life was more fulfilling being a servant rather than a master. Since 2005, he has been in Bangkok working at United Nations ESCAP. He mainly deals with socioeconomic and demographic issues, as well as promoting health and development, while advocating for good governance, especially in the context of

improving equity and sustainability. In 2017, he received the Global Peace Service Award for work supporting youth. He is currently the President of the ESCAP Staff Association.



**Thaworn Sakunphanit**, *Ministry of Public Health, Thailand*

Dr. Thaworn Sakunphanit is Vice chairman of the Foundation for Research Institute on Social Protection and Health (FRoSPaH), Thailand. His last position before retirement from the Ministry of Public Health was Advisor of Ministry of Public health. He used to be a Program Director of the Health Insurance System Research Office, Health System Research Institute. His research and area of works are social protection policies including long term care and health care financing. His previous working experiences included hospitals director, deputy director of Health Insurance Office, member of Committees and Subcommittees in Ministries and Parliaments. He published more than 30 research publications and worked as an international consultant on health insurance.



**Ryosuke Fukuda**, *Director, Planning and Coordination Office for Training of Physicians, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan*

Dr. Ryosuke Fukuda is the Director of Data Analysis for Long-term Care Insurance, Division of Health for the Elderly, Health and Welfare Bureau for the Elderly, Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare Tokyo, Japan. As Director of Data Analysis for Long-term Care Insurance, Dr. Ryosuke is involved in the planning of the long-term care insurance system, especially the long-term care reimbursement. Dr. Ryosuke graduated from Keio University School of Medicine and trained as a pediatrician. In 2014, he joined the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (MHLW) of Japan as a medical officer. At MHLW, he has had a professional career for about ten years, covering maternal and child health, environmental

health, reserve and development, and medical affairs. He received two master's degrees from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (MPH 2019, MS 2020).



**Aminath Jameel**, *Chief Executive Officer, Aged Care Services Maldives, Maldives*

Dr. Aminath Jameel holds a bachelor's degree in nursing and Midwifery, and a Master's degree in Community Health Nursing. She also has a PhD in Health Science from La Trobe University Australia. Amongst various positions she held over the years are; Staff Nurse, Director of Allied Health Services Training Centre, Director of Health Services, Director Infrastructure Development and Director Human Resource Development, Ministry of Health Maldives. Lecturer, College of Higher Education, Maldives Lecturer, University Malaya, Malaysia. Dr. Aminath Jameel was also appointed Minister of Health and Family, Maldives and has held positions including

Chairperson of Male City Women's Development Committee. She is a member of several national committees and boards including as Member of the Advisory Council of SAARC for development of MPH/MHA program. She pioneered the first program for ageing in the country, which is a member of International Federation on Ageing. She holds distinguished awards from The United Arab Emirates Health Foundation, Princess Srinagarindra Award and Women in Management Maldives, and was recognised as "Inspirational Woman of the year 2022".



**Napaphat Satchanawakul**, *Social Affairs Officer, Sustainable Demographic Transition Section, Social Development Division, UN-ESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand*

Mr. Napaphat Satchanawakul works on population and development issues, including research, capacity-building and intergovernmental support on population dynamics, with a special emphasis on population ageing and its linkages to sustainable development. He has been engaged in exploring the intersection of climate change and population dynamics in Asia and the Pacific and involved in an initiative aimed at enhancing digital literacy and inclusion for older persons in the region. Currently, he has supported the preparations for the Seventh Asian and Pacific Population Conference. Prior to joining the United Nations, he

served as a faculty member at the Institute for Population and Social Research, Mahidol University, Thailand. He contributed to research on policy design and the implications of universal health coverage as a response to rapidly ageing societies in Asian contexts. He has published in peer-reviewed journals on population ageing, health systems and social policy, and provided services to various government entities and multilateral agencies. Mr. Satchanawakul has a Ph.D. in Public Policy from King's College London.



**Waqar Shahid Puri**, *Senior Program Manager, Transforming Communities for Inclusion (TCI), Pakistan*

Mr. Waqar Puri is a senior programs officer at the TCI. As a person living with a psychosocial disability, he currently works in a field which involves transforming communities for inclusion. The organization is a global and independent entity comprised of persons with psychosocial disabilities covering 50 countries. Mr. Waqar Puri has been associated with TCI since 2015 and has experience of advocacy at national, regional, global levels. He graduated with a degree in Economics and is a certified consultant of the International Association of Accessibility professionals. He also serves as part of the Technical Working Group for Elrha's Humanitarian Innovation Fund for persons with disabilities and Elderly people. Waqar

is also a BRIDGE Alumni from the BRIDGE CRPD-SDGs Trainings Initiative.



**Aidai Kadyrova**, *Director, Babushka Adoption Foundation, Kyrgyzstan*

Ms. Aidai Kadyrova is the current director of the Babushka Adoption Foundation, a charitable non-governmental organization based in Bishkek, the capital city of Kyrgyzstan. The main goal of the foundation is to provide support to elderly people in Kyrgyzstan who do not have any family members that can care for them. The term "babushka" is Russian for "grandmother" or "older woman". The objective of Babushka Adoption is to work together with Kyrgyz social institutions to help Kyrgyz pensioners to enable them to access clothing, food, medical care, and other important necessities.



**Mo Wang**, *Programme Specialist, UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning, Germany*

Ms. Mo Wang is the Project Leader of Lifelong Learning for Older People at the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL) in Hamburg, Germany. She is overseeing three international research projects for the next three years, focusing on upskilling and reskilling for older people, intergenerational learning, and ICTs for older people learning. Previously, she led an international research project on higher education institutions' response to the learning needs of ageing societies. Mo has extensive experience in leading international policy and research projects. She coordinated the Education for Sustainable Development cluster for the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities, playing a pivotal role in developing influential publications such as the

*Guidelines for Building Learning Cities* (2015), *Unlocking the Potential of Urban Communities* (2015 & 2017), the Special Issue on Building Sustainable Learning Cities of the *International Review of Education-Journal of Lifelong Learning* (2018), the *Handbook of Lifelong Learning* (2019-2022), and the UNESCO COVID-19 Education issue notes (2022), focusing on how cities utilize non-formal and informal learning to respond to the pandemic. Her doctoral research at the University of Hamburg, Germany, focused on the benefits of older people learning. Mo holds a master's degree in lifelong learning policy and management from the Institute of Education, University College London, and an MPhil in knowledge management and organizational behavior from City University of Hong Kong.



**Maureen Tam Siu Ling**, *Professor and Head, Elder Academy, The Education University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China*

Professor Maureen Tam was former Head of the Elder Academy of The Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK) and Deputy Director of the Centre for Lifelong Learning Research and Development. She has extensive experience in teaching, research, and management in higher education institutions, both in Hong Kong and overseas. Before joining EdUHK in 2009, Prof. Tam was Dean of Community College and Further Education and Director of Teaching and Learning Centre at Lingnan University. Over the years, Prof. Tam has conducted research and published articles relating to ageing and learning. She is a distinguished scholar in Educational Gerontology with many publications in top academic journals of the field, and an active researcher with a strong

record in securing external research grants.



**Aminta Permpoonwiwat**, *sustainability advocate and Chancellor's Scholar at Vanderbilt University, United States*

Ms. Aminta Permpoonwiwat is a native of Thailand. As a youth, she is a sustainable development advocate and a Chancellor's Scholar at Vanderbilt University. As the winner of the 5th Human Rights Youth Challenge and the Youth Advisor to the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation, she facilitated events at the 51st session of the Human Rights Council. She is the Project Manager and Founder of Youth Mentorship Project, a youth organization dedicated to teaching students from vulnerable groups the values of sustainability and resilience through STEAM subjects.

Driven by her interest in the intersection between quality education, inequality, and climate change, Aminta has engaged over 800 young students across the country to address these issues. Amplifying her work at various events, including the ECOSOC Youth Forum 2023, the UN Youth4Climate: Driving Ambition Pre-COP26 and Youth4Climate: Powering Action UNGA, Aminta has represented the voice of Thai youth on the international stage. She is also part of the SDGs Youth Panel for UN in Thailand and hopes to build an inclusive society where everyone can have access to their human rights, regardless of their age, gender, race, or ethnicity



**Tran Bich Thuy**, *Country Director, HelpAge International, Viet Nam*

Ms. Thuy Bich Tran is the country director of HelpAge International in Vietnam. She holds a master degree of development management by Asian Institute of Management. She has more than 20 years working in the development area and of those 16 years working in the area of ageing. She is one of the founders of community based, relevant, comprehensive and sustainable model in Vietnam, so called Intergenerational Self-Help Club (ISHC), which promotes healthy and active ageing in Vietnam, using community driven development approach. ISHCs are the largest community care provider in Vietnam so far. From an international funded project model, the ISHC has now become the national model and target in a number of government policies.

Thanks to her great contribution in ageing area, Ms. Thuy is

recognized as one of the Healthy Ageing 50 - Leaders transforming the world to be a better place to grow older - a UN Decade of Healthy Ageing



**Prakash Tyagi**, *Executive Director of GRAVIS and Founder-Director of GRAVIS Hospital, India*

Dr. Prakash Tyagi, MD, PGDGM, is the Executive Director of GRAVIS and Founder-Director of GRAVIS Hospital. In his academics, he has studied Medicine and Geriatrics. He has also been the recipient of a Fulbright-Humphrey Fellowship to study global health. He has supported various non-profits working on health and development aspects nationally and internationally. With his global health experience, he has contributed to various international forums and has written frequently on major global health issues with greater emphasis on healthy ageing and priorities. As the Executive Director of GRAVIS, he has been leading the organization since last 18 years. GRAVIS works extensively in the Thar Desert of India and in other regions, with key focuses on water security,

food security and community health. GRAVIS reaches out to about 2 million people living in poverty with its work and has helped formation of over 4,000 Community Based Organizations including Older People Associations, Intergenerational Learning Groups and Self-Help Groups. Dr. Tyagi is an active development practitioner and public health professional and has contributed significantly in the fields of healthy ageing, HIV, TB and occupational health through his writing, research and field work. He is also a Clinical Professor at the School of Global Health and Medicine of University of Washington and in the board of IFA.



**Vanessa Steinmayer**, *Population Affairs Officer, Sustainable Demographic Transition Section, Social Development Division, UN-ESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand*

Ms. Vanessa Steinmayer is a Population Affairs Officer at ESCAP. She contributed to several flagship publications on population ageing, social protection, and international migration and contributed to intergovernmental processes such as the regular regional reviews of the Madrid International Plan of Action, the Asia-Pacific Population Conference on Ageing, and the Global Compact on Migration. She also has prior work experience in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) and the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). She holds a doctorate in economics from Ruhr-University of Bochum. She contributed to several flagship publications on population ageing, social protection, and international migration and contributed to

intergovernmental processes such as the regular regional reviews of the Madrid International Plan of Action, the Asia-Pacific Population Conference on Ageing, and the Global Compact on Migration. She also has prior work experience in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) and the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). She holds a doctorate in economics from Ruhr-University of Bochum.



**Sabine Henning**, *Chief, Sustainable Demographic Transition Section, Social Development Division, UN-ESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand*

Ms. Henning leads work on population and development, including research, capacity-building and intergovernmental support at UN-ESCAP. Substantive foci include ageing, migration, youth, and the broader population and development agenda. From 2015 to 2018, she was Senior Population Affairs Officer, Office of the Director, Population Division, UN-DESA. From 2000 to 2015, she served in the Division's Population Estimates and Projections Section, the Population and Development Section, the Migration Section and the Population Policy Section. Ms. Henning has been involved in UN interagency work and coordination for over 20 years including with ILO, IOM, OHCHR, UNFPA, and UN Women, and she has worked towards strengthening

engagement with CSOs at both UN Headquarters and ESCAP. She has supported capacity-building of member States throughout Asia and the Pacific. She co-authored UN reports, such as the Asia-Pacific Report on Population Ageing 2022 and the Asia-Pacific Migration Report 2020, published in peer-reviewed journals, gave presentations at international conferences and serviced numerous intergovernmental meetings and high-level events at UN Headquarters and ESCAP. Currently she leads the preparations for the Seventh Asian and Pacific Population Conference. Ms. Henning has a Ph.D. in Geography with a doctoral-level certificate in Demography from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and a graduate-level certificate in Strategic Management from Harvard University.

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