

**SGA Africa in Collaboration with African Union Commission and UN DESA hosts the 2<sup>nd</sup> SGA Pan African Webinar on the**

**THEME: United and Coordinated Africa for the Inclusion of Older Persons in COVID-19 Policy Response and Development Agendas**

**TOPIC & SPEAKER BIO**

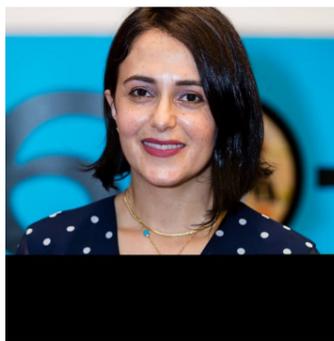
**MODERATOR**



**Dr. Ademola Olajide**  
**Country Representative, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Kenya**

Dr. Ademola Olajide is the United Nations Population Fund's (UNFPA) Representative for Kenya. Until this appointment in July 2017, Dr. Olajide served as Chief, Non-Core Funds Management Unit in the Office of the Executive Director, UNFPA headquarters in New York since May 2015. He served as the UNFPA Representative in Namibia in 2014 where he spearheaded efforts in population data and evidence gathering, while supporting interventions that enhanced reproductive health and gender equality.

**Opening Remarks and Overview of SGA Africa Survey on the Impact of COVID-19 Containment and Mitigation Strategies on Rights of Older Persons in Africa (6 mins)**



**Ms. Amal Abou Rafeh**  
**Programme on Ageing Unit United Nations New York, U.S.A**

Amal Abou Rafeh is Chief of Programme on Ageing at the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs in New York. She serves on the Secretariat of the General Assembly's Open-ended Working Group on Ageing and is a member of the Steering Committee of the Titchfield City Group on Ageing-related Statistics and Age-disaggregated Data.

Amal joined the United Nations in 2001, working in the areas of social policy, sustainable development and demography, and served on the Secretariats of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (2002) and the

High-level Meeting on Youth (2011). She held positions in Beirut and New York. Before joining the United Nations, Amal lectured on analysis of social and demographic data.

Amal was born in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and holds a Master of Science in Population Studies from the American University of Beirut.

**Partnerships and coordination efforts towards regional and/or national multi-sector and comprehensive policy response to ageing and older persons, during and post COVID-19**

**SPEAKER I (7 mins)**



**Dr. Jane Marie Ong'olo**  
**Head of Division, Social Welfare Vulnerable Groups and Drug Control, Social Affairs Department, African Union Commission**

Dr. Ong'olo is a social development specialist with substantial cross-functional skills. She currently heads the Division for Social Welfare, Vulnerable Groups and Drug Control at the African Union Commission. Her work includes coordinating policy action with African Union member states in the development and implementation of social development policies and programs. Dr. Ong'olo previously worked for the Government of Kenya, the British Council, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

## SPEAKER II (7 mins)



**Ms. Thokozile Ruzvidzo**  
**Director, Gender, Poverty and Social Policy, UNECA/ARFSD-(TBC)**

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## SPEAKER III (7 mins)



**Ms. Christine N. Umutoni**  
**United Nations Resident Coordinator for Mauritius and Seychelles**

Ms. Christine N. Umutoni is currently serving as UN Resident Coordinator in Mauritius and Seychelles. Her responsibilities include coordination all work for resident and non-resident agencies with programs in Mauritius and Seychelles. Previously she served as the UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Mauritius and Seychelles before the UN Reform.

Before that she served as UN RC, Humanitarian coordinator an UNDP RR in Asmara, Eritrea since 2012 to 2017. Capacity building support for six governance institutions covering elections, anti-corruption, justice and

human rights plus peace building was provided during her leadership.

Her main responsibilities included coordination of all UN agencies operational in Eritrea, coordinating UN's humanitarian/development work and heading the UNDP Country Office. Prior to this assignment, she was the UNDP Country Director in Harare, Zimbabwe from July 2009 to 2012 effectively managing the UNDP Country Office day-to-day matters. In 2009, she served as the Country Adviser in the Regional Bureau for Africa in UNDP HQ in New York to support COs in West and Central Africa, ensuring accountability and compliance with organization requirements providing overall oversight and guidance. From 2005-2008, Christine was the Head of Governance, Justice, Gender & HIV Units in the UNDP Country Office in Rwanda. She supported production of the first ever Joint Governance Assessment (JGA) report for Rwanda.

Prior to joining the UN system, she worked as a development consultant in 2005 with focus on Governance and Gender. In that capacity she concluded assignments for Rwanda Demobilization Commission, UNDP Rwanda, Survivor's Fund (SURF) Rwanda –UK based organization with offices in Rwanda and for the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) to mention a few.

Ms. Umutoni worked with the Government of Rwanda in various capacities before 2005. She was the Rwandan Ambassador to Uganda from 2002-2004 and to Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, European Union and the Vatican, based in Brussels from 2000-2002. Before her diplomatic assignments, she served in the President's Office as an Adviser on Economic and Social Affairs spearheading the consultative process on Rwanda's PRSP from 1999-2000. She was the Directeur de Cabinet in the Ministry of Rehabilitation and Social Integration from 1994 after the war and genocide, where she was responsible for policy formulation, coordination of ministry activities and fundraising internationally for rehabilitation and reconstruction activities for post genocide Rwanda. She also coordinated humanitarian assistance, reconstruction, repatriation/settlement of refugees and displaced people, provided assistance to vulnerable groups including widows and orphans. From 1988-1994, she worked as the Chairperson Rwandese Refugees Foundation and contributed to different types of work during the crisis period in Rwanda.

Ms. Umutoni is married with three children and has Masters in Business Administration (MBA) degree as well as a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) and Diploma in Legal Practice.

## SPEAKER IV (7 mins)



**Dr. Walter Kazadi Mulombo**  
**WHO Representative in Nigeria**

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**The value and contributions of older persons and the implications of their inclusion and participation in policy response during and post COVID-19**

## SPEAKER (5 mins)



**Iyom Josephine Anenih**  
**Former Minister, Women Affairs & Social Development**  
**Nigeria**

Iyom Josephine Anenih, Former Minister for Women Affairs and Social Development. Member, National Institute of Strategic Studies. Fellow, Nigerian Institute for Management President, Women Foundation of Nigeria WFN. Founder, Alzheimer's Disease Foundation ADF Board member of COSROPIN and several Charities Elder Stateswoman

## National, Regional and International Human Rights Instruments: Implications for Older Persons

### SPEAKER (5 mins)



**Prof. Israel (Issi) Doron**

**Dept. of Gerontology & Head of Center for Research & Study of Ageing, University of Haifa Israel**

Prof. Israel (Issi) Doron, LL.B. (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel); LL.M. (Washington College of Law, Washington DC, USA); Ph.D. (Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, ON., Canada). Currently Prof. Doron is the Head of the Center for Research and Study of Aging at the University of Haifa, the Past President of the Israeli Gerontological Society, and the Past Head of the Department of Gerontology. He specializes in the fields of law and ageing, social policy, human rights and ageism. Prof. Doron has written extensively on topics such

as socio-legal construction of old age, and human rights of older persons (e.g. Doron, I. & Apter, I. (2010): The Debate Around the Need for an International Convention on the Rights of Older Persons. The Gerontologist, 50(5), 586-593) and is the editor/co-editor of key books in the field such as "Theories on Law and Aging: The Jurisprudence of Elder Law" (Springer, 2009); "Beyond Elder Law: New Directions in Law and Aging" (Springer, 2012; with Ann Soden) or "The Law and Ethics of Dementia" (Hart, 2014; with Charles Foster & Jonathan Herring).

## Partnerships and collaboration on the ratification of African protocol and UN Convention on the Rights of Older Persons- Identifying Opportunities emerging from the COVID-19 crises and strengthening solidarity

### SPEAKER (7 mins)



**Mr. Elie Mugabowishema**

**President NSINDAGIZA Rwanda**

Elie Mugabowishema is a Rwandan activist, promoting the Human Rights, especially the most vulnerable older women and men, Elie is member of SGA Africa steering group, He is the Founder and President of NSINDAGIZA Organization, promoting the rights of older people in Rwanda.

Elie is the co-founder and Chairman of the Rwanda leave no one behind network, advocating for the inclusion of all in the SDG implementation. He is also the co-founder of other organizations focusing on the Human Rights

including the Rwanda ageing platform and Shalom Ministries supporting widows in Rwanda. Elie is member.

### Q&A (30 mins)

## Reflections and Way Forward (5 mins)

**Alexander Temitope Ajayi**

**Senior Adviser to the President of the 74th Session of the UN General Assembly**

### Vote of Thanks (5 mins)

**Dr. Emem Omokaro**

**Executive Director, Dave Omokaro Foundation (DOF) | Co-chair, SGA Africa**

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