



United Nations

Department of
Economic and
Social Affairs

Expert Group Meeting on

Building Forward Better for Older Persons post COVID-19

Virtual meeting, 2-5, March 2021

Agenda

Tuesday, 2 March 2021

9:00 – 9:10 **Opening Session**

- Introductory remarks: **Daniela Bas**, *Director, Division for Inclusive Social Development, DESA*
- Objectives of the meeting and organization of work: **Julia Ferre**, *Social Affairs Officer, Programme on Ageing Unit, DESA*

9:10 – 9:30 **Setting the Stage: Building Forward Better for Older Persons post COVID-19**

Live presentations

Andrew Scott *Professor of Economics at London Business School*

Claudia Mahler *Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of all Human Rights by older persons*

9:30 – 11:00 **Session I. Economic and Social Inclusion post COVID-19**

Pre-recorded presentations

Amanda Lenhardt *Research Associate, Overseas Development Institute*

Florian Juergens *Global Advisor on Social Protection, HelpAge International*

“Older people’s livelihoods, income security and access to social protection during COVID-19 and beyond”

Rio Hada *Team Leader, Human Rights and Economic and Social Issues Section, OHCHR* *“Addressing the age-old problem: Impact of intersectional discrimination on older persons in the COVID-19 pandemic”*

Israel Doron *Head of the Center for Research and Study on Ageing, University of Haifa* *“Care and Support for Older Persons: Post Covid-19”*

Rosita Y. Lacson *President, Confederation of Older Persons Association of the Philippines* “*Testimonies*”

Topics to be addressed

- *Social Protection*
- *Labour markets and older workers*
- *Intersectionality of discrimination*
- *Care and support*
- *Voices of older persons*

9:30 – 10:30 Interactive discussion
(facilitated by **Florian Juergens** *Global Advisor on Social Protection, HelpAge International*)

10:30 – 10:45 Screen break

10:45 – 11:00 Presentation of recommendations and closing

Wednesday, 3 March 2021

9:00 – 10:30 **Session I. Economic and Social Inclusion post Covid-19 (Continued)**

Pre-recorded presentations

Ignacio de la Puerta Rueda *Director of Territorial Planning and Urban Agenda of the Basque Country, Spain* “*Urban Agenda for the Basque Country*”

Yumiko Kamiya *Population Affairs Officer, Fertility and Population Ageing, Population Division, DESA* “*Living arrangements*”

Natasa Todorovic *Health and Care Program Manager, Red Cross of Serbia* “*Wakeup call: Prevention and response to the violence, abuse and neglect*”

Ruthy Lowenstein Lazar *Head of the Center for Clinical Education (“Matters”) and Lecturer at the Haim Striks School of Law* “*Me too? The invisible older victims of sexual violence*”

Heidrun Mollenkopf *Board Member, German National Association of Senior Citizens’ Organizations* “*The digital Divide*”

Angela Mwai *Leader of the Human Rights and Social Inclusion Unit, UN-Habitat* “*Age friendly cities*”

Topics to be addressed

- *Living arrangements*
- *Prevention and response to violence, abuse and neglect*
- *Sexual violence*
- *Digital Divide*
- *Age-friendly cities*

9:00 – 10:00 Interactive discussion
(facilitated by **Nena Georgantzi** Policy Coordinator on Human Rights and Non-Discrimination, AGE Platform Europe)

10:00 – 10:15 Screen break

10:15 – 10:30 Presentation of recommendations and closing

Thursday, 4 March 2021

9:00 – 10:30 **Session II. Learning from COVID-19 to strengthen health care for older people**

Pre-recorded presentations

Dr. Ritu Sadana, Unit Head, Ageing and Health, WHO “*Fostering older people’s capacities and abilities – scenarios from 2021 to 2030*”

Dr. Yuka Sumi Medical Officer, Ageing and Health, WHO “*Learning from COVID-19 to strengthen care for older persons*”

Peter Lloyd-Sherlock Professor, School of International Development, University of East Anglia “*Vaccinations and trials*”

Rose Gahire NSINDAGIZA Organisation, Rwanda “*Testimonies*”

Topics to be addressed

- *Physical, mental and cognitive health care for older persons after COVID-19*
- *Equity across the life course*
- *Disruption of essential services*
- *Long term care*
- *Vaccination*
- *Voices of older persons*

9:00 – 10:00 Interactive discussion
(facilitated by **Dr. Ademola Olajide**, Country Representative, United Nations Population Fund, Kenya)

10:00 – 10:15 Screen break

10:15 – 10:30 Presentation of recommendations and closing

Friday, 5 March 2021

9:00 – 10:30 **Session III. Post COVID-19 Development and Humanitarian Action**

Pre-recorded presentations

Andrew Byrnes, *Professor of International Law University of New South Wales*
Pytrik Oosterhof, *Founder and Senior Sustainable Development Consultant at O-land Consulting “Ageing and the ‘Decade of Action’ to Deliver on the SDGs”*
Karen Gomez Dumpit *Commissioner Republic of Philippines Commission on Human Rights “Rights-based Approach to Socio-economic Response Plans at the Country Level”*

Aneta Trgachevska *Health and Ageing Advisor for Europe at the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) & Ina Girard*
Representative of the Austrian Red Cross in the South Caucasus “Study of Impact of COVID-19 on older people and caregivers in the South Caucasus – key findings”

Jeremiah Dery *Regional Statistician, Ghana Statistical Service “Response to data”*

Aleksandr Mihnovits *Consultant “Covid-19 and older people: the data challenge”*

Naiara Costa *Senior Sustainable Development Officer, Division for Sustainable Development, DESA*
IFRC “Testimonies”

Topics to be addressed

- *National and international frameworks*
- *SDGs*
- *Socioeconomic recovery at country level*
- *Older Persons in Humanitarian contexts*
- *Data*
- *Voices of older persons*

9:00 – 10:00 Interactive discussion
(facilitated by **Masumi Ono** *Chief of Social Inclusion and Participation Branch, Division for Inclusive Social Development, DESA*)

10:00 – 10:15 Screen break

10:15 – 10:30 Presentation of recommendations and closing

10:30 – 10:45 Closing: **Amal Abou Rafeh**, *Chief of the Programme on Ageing Unit, DESA*