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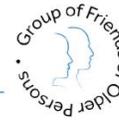




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Theme:

The overall umbrella theme for the United Nations International Day of Older Persons in 2022 is “Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World.” This theme will be celebrated by the NGO Committees on Ageing in New York, Geneva and Vienna – each with a unique and complementary approach to the overall theme.

The New York commemoration of the #OlderPersonsDay will focus on “The Resilience and Contributions of Older Women” in successfully navigating today’s myriad of global challenges.

The latest projections by the United Nations show that by 2050, the number of persons aged 65 years or over worldwide is projected to be more than twice the number of children under age 5 and about the same as the number of children under age 12. Because of the female advantage in life expectancy, women outnumber men at older ages in almost all populations. This year, women comprised 55.7 per cent of persons aged 65 or older. It is, therefore, imperative that Member States incorporate gender equality in all aspects of community life, as envisioned in SDG 5 (Gender Equality). Recognition of the vital contributions of older women and inclusion of their voices, perspectives and needs is critical to creating policies responsive to local, national, and global challenges and catastrophes.

Objectives:

The International Day of Older Persons 2022 is a call to action and opportunity, with globally representative older women, parliamentarians, and United Nations representatives offering multistakeholder dialogue on the resilience of living through and responding to climate disaster, conflict, or pandemic, experiencing, and managing the physical and emotional disruption to losses of family, income, and social connectedness. Panels will highlight relevant actions that include efforts toward inclusion of older persons, in particular older women, the protection of their human rights, and

enabling the full and equal participation of older persons, in particular older women, in decision-making at all levels.

Objectives of UNIDOP 2022 New York Commemoration:

- To highlight the resilience of older women in the face of socioeconomic, environmental, health and lifelong inequalities.
- To raise awareness of the importance of improving world-wide age- and gender-sensitive data collection and analysis in order to provide essential evidence for effective policies.
- To call on Member States, United Nations Funds, Programmes, Specialized Agencies and other United Nations entities, as well as civil society to include older women in the center of all policies, ensuring gender equality, as described in Our Common Agenda, which represents the Secretary-General's vision on the future of global cooperation.



The Programme:

Opening Session	Cynthia Stuen , Chair of the NGO Committee on Ageing in New York Robin Creswick Fenley , Chair of the UNIDOP 2022 Programme sub-Committee in the NGO Committee on Ageing in New York
Video Message	António Guterres , Secretary-General of the United Nations
Welcome Remarks	H.E. María del Carmen Squeff , Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations H.E. Paula Narvaez , Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations, Chair of the Group of Friends of Older Persons in New York
Keynote Speaker	Annette Franqui , Chair of AARP Board of Directors
Panel Discussion	Claudia Mahler , Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons Lorena Aguilar , Executive Director of the Kaschak Institute for Social Justice for Women and Girls, Binghamton University Alana Officer , Head of Unit, Demographic Change and Healthy Ageing, World Health Organization (via zoom) Bilquis Tahira , Executive Director, Shirakat Partnership for Development Carole Osero-Ageng'o , Global Initiatives Lead at HelpAge International, Africa Region <i>Moderated by Ramsey Alwin</i> , President and CEO of the National Council on Aging
Q&A	
Closing Remarks	Masumi Ono , Chief of the Social Inclusion and Participation Branch, DISD/DESA

Get to know the speakers:



Cynthia Stuen, Chairperson, NGO Committee on Ageing in New York

Cynthia Stuen is the Chairperson of the NGO Committee on Ageing in New York, and the United Nations Representative for the International Federation on Ageing. She was elected in June 2015 to be Vice-chair of the NGO Committee on Ageing/NY. In addition, she was recently elected as a vice-chair of the Board of Directors of VISIONS/Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired. She remains active in advocacy for inclusion of older persons in the implementation and monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals. Her 40+ year professional career has been in the field of gerontology. She has worked and conducted research in long term care, community-based service delivery, and provided professional and consumer education in the field of vision impairment. Her numerous publications, presentations and research endeavors cover topics of age-related sensory loss, access to environments for older adults with impaired vision and contributions older adults and their family and friends can make to program planning and service delivery. Dr. Stuen received her Bachelors degree from Valparaiso University, her Masters degree from the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration and her Doctorate from Columbia University. She is a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine and The Gerontological Society of America.



Robin Creswick Fenley, Co-Chair, UNIDOP 2022 Programme Subcommittee, NGO Committee on Ageing in New York

Robin Fenley has worked with older persons for over 30 years and retired as Assistant Commissioner of the NYC Department for the Aging in 2019. Robin developed NYC's first National Family Caregiver Support Program, established the first legislated Social Adult Day Ombudsman Office, and co-led NYC's first survey of informal caregivers. She oversaw the management of twenty-six contracted service providers. Robin's experiences cover diverse issues in the fields of caregiving, long term care, and elder abuse. She participated on numerous advisory boards and received multiple awards for program innovation and achievement. Robin worked in nursing homes, in-patient psychiatry, and channeled efforts towards elder abuse prevention. In addition, Robin is a member of the International Federation on Ageing Council on Ageing (CoA) and the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics. She joined INPEA under the Sub-Committee on Older Women as co-chair in 2020 and is a member of CoA Executive Committee in 2021. In addition, she has taught policy at Fordham University and is currently teaching the same field at the Hunter College Silberman School of Social Work. She completed her Doctorate in Social Work, with a specialty in gerontology, from Fordham University.



H.E. María del Carmen Squeff Permanent Representative of Argentina

Ambassador María del Carmen Squeff is the current Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations. Prior to her appointment, she was Argentina's Under-Secretary for the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) and international economic negotiations. She served as Ambassador to Nigeria (2018-2019) and France (2013-2016) and was seconded to the Organization of American States (OAS) Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia from 2016 to 2017. She also served as Undersecretary of Foreign Policy from 2011 to 2013. Ms. Squeff has extensive experience with the United Nations Rome-based agencies. From 2005 to 2011, she was her country's Alternate Permanent Representative to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Food Programme (WFP). Her first diplomatic posting was at Argentina's European Union embassy, in Brussels, Belgium. Born in 1955, Ms. Squeff has a Bachelors degree in Political Science from the National University of Rosario and a Master's degree in international politics from the Université Libre de Bruxelles.



H.E. Paula Narvaez, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations, Chair of the Group of Friends of Older Persons in New York

Ambassador Narvaez has recently been appointed as Vice-Chair of the ECOSOC. Before this latest appointment, Ms. Narváez was the Officer-in-Charge at the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) in Guatemala, from February to May 2022. She also served as Socio-Political Adviser at the UN-Women Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, from October 2021 to February 2022, and Regional Adviser for Governance and Political Participation in the same office, from 2018 to 2020. Between 2016 and 2018, Ms. Narváez was Minister Secretary General of Government, and she served as a Presidential Adviser from 2014 to 2016. From 2012 until 2014, she was a Latin America and Caribbean Section Program Specialist at UN-Women, based in New York. Following the eruption of the Chaitén Volcano in Chile in May 2008, Ms. Narváez served as the delegate of then-President Michelle Bachelet to the Chaitén Volcano Emergency, from 2008 to 2009. She has also held a number of other Government positions. Ms. Narváez earned a master's degree in Latin American Studies from Georgetown University in the United States; a master's degree in economics and regional management from the Universidad Austral de Chile; and a degree in psychology from the Universidad Nacional Andrés Bello, also in Chile.



Annette Franqui, Chair, AARP Board of Directors

Annette Franqui joined the AARP Board in 2014. As Board Chair she also Chairs the AARP Board Governance Committee and Compensation Committee. Annette is a founding partner of Forrestal Capital, a company providing wealth management and direct equity investment advice to a select number of families in Latin America. A native of Puerto Rico, she is a senior financial services executive with prior CFO experience as well as 15 years on Wall Street with JP Morgan Chase and Goldman Sachs. She serves on the boards of several private companies as well as Arcos Dorados, a NYSE-listed company that is the largest operator of McDonald's restaurants in Latin America and the Caribbean and its largest franchisee, in terms of system-wide sales and number of restaurants. She previously served on the Board of AARP Services, Inc. She has a Bachelors degree in Economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA from Stanford University's Graduate School of Business.



Ramsey Alwin, President and CEO of the National Council on Aging

Ramsey Alwin is leading a nationwide movement to ensure equitable aging for every American. Building on NCOA's 70 years of service and advocacy for older adults, Alwin is renewing the organization's commitment to improving the lives of millions, especially those who are struggling. A seasoned thought leader and policy advocate, Alwin has changed the way people think about older adult poverty and economic security. She designed a new measure of economic security for older adults that better accounts for out-of-pocket health costs and worked to introduce the Measuring American Poverty Act in Congress to redefine the federal poverty measure for the older population. Thanks to Alwin's efforts, the U.S. Census Bureau formally implemented the Supplemental Poverty Measure nationwide, virtually doubling the elder poverty count and better demonstrating true needs among this population. Prior to leading NCOA, Alwin directed financial resilience global thought leadership at AARP. She worked to position the organization as the world leader on the implications of longevity on social insurance, financial exploitation, short-term savings, and the future of work. She led joint ventures with the World Economic Forum and Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. Prior to AARP, Alwin served as Vice President of Economic Security at NCOA, Director of National Economic Security Programs at Wider Opportunities for Women, Director of Program Services at the National Association of State and Community Services Programs, and Foundation Board Specialist at the National Alliance for Black School Educators. Currently, Alwin serves on the Executive Committee of the UN NGO Committee on Aging, the America250 Health and Wellness Advisory Council, and the National Academy of Social Insurance Finance Committee. Alwin holds a Bachelors degree from Simmons University and a Masters degree from the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University.



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

Claudia Mahler, (Austria) was appointed by the UN Human Rights Council as Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons in May 2020. She has been a senior researcher in the field of economic, social and cultural rights at the German Institute for Human Rights since 2010. Over the last twenty years, she has also worked as a lecturer in the field of human rights law in different academic institutions in Germany and Austria. From 2001 to 2009, Ms. Mahler conducted research at the Human Rights Centre of the University of Potsdam where her main fields were in human rights education, minority rights and the law of asylum. In 2000, she was appointed as Vice President of the Human Rights Commission for Tyrol and Vorarlberg. Previously, she worked as a lecturer in the field of human rights law and as a consultant to OHCHR in Geneva. From 1997-2001, she held the position of an assistant at the Leopold-Franzens-University Innsbruck, Austria in the field of Criminal Law and Criminal Procedures Ms. Mahler received her Doctorate degree in 2000.



Lorena Aguilar, Executive Director of the Kaschak Institute for Social Justice for Women and Girls, Binghamton University

Lorena Aguilar is a Global leader who is passionate about human rights, inclusion, and sustainable development. She has over three decades providing strategic contributions to national and international policies. She is taking lead in inclusive collaboration with government counterparts, UN agencies, international organizations, and civil society towards advancing inclusive and equitable sustainable development. Lorena has field experience in more than 50 countries across Latin America, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, Africa, and Asia. Ms. Aguilar also served as Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica. At present she is the Executive Director of the Kaschak Institute for Social Justice for Women and Girls at Binghamton University.



Alana Officer, Head of Unit (Demographic Change and Healthy Ageing), World Health Organization (by video)

Alana Officer is the Unit Head for Demographic Change and Healthy Ageing at the World Health Organization. She coordinates the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021-2030) and oversees WHO's work on Age-friendly physical and social environments including the Global Campaign to Combat Ageism and the Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities. Alana started her career as a clinician in Australia and England before holding a number of technical and managerial positions working on disability, health and development in West and Central Africa, Europe, South Asia, the Middle East and the Western Pacific. Alana joined WHO in 2006 and was the Coordinator for the Disability and Rehabilitation Team (DAR) until 2014 where she led the development of landmark resources as the WHO Global disability action plan 2014–2021: Better health for all people with disability (2014), The International Perspectives on Spinal Cord Injury (2013), the World report on disability (2011) and the Guidelines on community-based rehabilitation (2010) amongst many others. Alana Officer holds a degree

in Health Science (Podiatric Medicine) and Masters degrees in Applied Science – Exercise and Sports Science (research) and Public Health.



Bilquis Tahira, Executive Director, Shirakat – Partnership for Development

Bilquis Tahira is a feminist activist and has been part of women's movement and human rights movement in Pakistan for over 3 decades. She has extensive experience in working on women's concerns nationally and internationally, including GBV, peace and conflict issues, education, TVET, protection, child labour and child protection, engaging men and boys for gender equality and women's empowerment, policy analysis and policy advocacy. She is the Executive Director of Shirakat – Partnership for Development, a national NGO working on women's rights, older people's rights and child rights and gender justice in Pakistan. She has been on the Research Expert Committee of National Commission on Status of Women and is a member of the Gender Expert Committee in the current NCSW. She has coordinated South Asian MenEngage Alliance, a network of over 200 NGOs in Sri Lanka, India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan. She has led several research on women's rights issues in Pakistan and currently leads the fiscal justice programme of Shirakat.



Carole Osero-Ageng'o, Lead, Global Initiatives & Africa Regional Representative, HelpAge International

Carole is a multilingual human rights lawyer and gender expert with broad experience gained at the national, regional, and global levels on women's rights, sexual reproductive health, and rights (SRHR), gender, governance, ageing, and conflict management. In her current role of Lead, Global Initiatives & Africa Regional Representative at HelpAge International. She continues to lead in policy advocacy for the rights of older persons in Africa and linking this to strategic initiatives at global level for greater impact. She is a member of the Executive Steering Group. Prior to joining HelpAge International she was the Associate Regional Director for Policy and Advocacy at Planned Parenthood Global and has also served as the Senior Program Officer for Africa at the International Women's Program of the Open Society Foundations; Program Officer for Africa at Equality Now; and Legal Counsel at the Federation of Women Lawyers in Kenya (FIDA Kenya). She was a litigation and conveyancing counsel for 11 years in Kenya before joining civil society. Carole has most notably led Equality Now in the delivery of a compelling advocacy initiative for the appointment of a Special Rapporteur on Laws that Discriminate against Women. This undertaking culminated in the establishment of a Working Group by the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights at the 15th Session of the Human Rights Council in September 2010. Carole is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Initiative for Strategic Litigation in Africa (ISLA), Women's Link Worldwide, and the Steering Committee of the Solidarity for African Women's Rights (SOAWR). She represents HelpAge on the Board of African Women Communications Network (FEMNET) and the Stakeholders Group on Ageing (SGA) Africa. Carole holds an LL. B (Hons) and an MA in International Conflict Management (MA-ICM) both of the University of Nairobi; a Diplôme de

Langue Française (Nairobi) and a Diploma in the Equal Status and Human Rights of Women (University of Lund, Sweden). She works effortlessly in English, French, German, Kiswahili, Dholuo and has a fair knowledge of Gikuyu and Spanish.



**Masumi Ono, Chief of Social Inclusion and Participation Branch,
United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs**

As Chief of the Social Inclusion and Participation Branch (SIPB) in the UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs, Masumi leads a dedicated team of specialists on issues related to older persons, youth, persons with disabilities and family. Her 25 years of UN experience include supporting the development of Sustainable Development Goals from the Secretary-General's office, mobilizing high-level advocacy work on education finance, preparing reports for the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly on cross-sectoral themes such as gender, poverty eradication and UN system coherence, and managing trade facilitation programmes in the Asia Pacific region. Before joining the UN through the National Competitive Exam (YPP), she worked in Finance having obtained an MBA and BA (Economics) both from Cornell University (USA).

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