



ROUNDTABLE SERIES

MAINSTREAMING KNOWLEDGE ON AGEING

Bridging paths towards strengthening protection and participation

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Since the Virtual Roundtable Series “Mainstreaming Knowledge on Ageing” started in 2022, the partners and participants have successfully taken stock on the current scenario of ageing and the human rights of older persons in the first year, and on access to justice, labor markets, political participation, health and social care services, as well as cultural and leisure activities in the second year.

This year, the series will be focused on quality of life for older persons. This initiative is aligned with the efforts envisaged at “Our Common Agenda” to strengthen and accelerate multilateral agreements, particularly the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, towards making a tangible difference in people’s lives¹; in the same vein, it considers relevant aspects on the protection of the human rights of older persons.²

In our series, we view national, regional, and international standards, as well as public policies, programs, and other initiatives as key learning elements. In the same vein, we consider that heightening awareness of ICT/digital accessibility implementation from design is relevant to better understand how older persons can benefit from digital products and services as means to actively participate in political, cultural, and socio economic activities. By involving diverse stakeholders as co-sponsors, experts, speakers, and attendees, we aim to enhance discussions and build stronger synergies towards achieving our common goal.

The human rights of older persons and frontier issues, such as the demographic worldwide scenario, gender, human mobility, digital divide, and climate change, will continue as the heart of our discussions.

In this endeavour, UNITAR and its International Training Centres for Authorities and Leaders -CIFAL Global Network-, UNDESA, UNFPA, IOM, UNWOMEN, UNHCR, WHO, OHCHR, ITU and ILO; together with 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; and the Harvard Law School Project on Disability, have joined efforts to put together this initiative as a contribution to inclusive learning in the framework of the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Fostering knowledge on the impact of including older persons in the implementation of multilateral agreements.
2. Learning from some good practices and challenges, including laws, policies, and strategies on accessibility issues, from different stakeholders.
3. Identifying existing initiatives and possible ways to improve quality of life for older persons.
4. Recognizing possible synergies for strengthening the protection as well as promoting the free, active, and meaningful participation of older persons.

¹ Our Common Agenda. [Secretary-General’s report on “Our Common Agenda” \(un.org\)](#)

² Report of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing on its thirteenth session. [A.AC.278.2023.2_en.pdf \(un.org\)](#)



VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLES

1st event

The impact of including older persons in the implementation of multilateral agreements



Brief description:

Including the perspective and needs of older persons in multilateral agreements is crucial for promoting social and economic inclusion, protecting their rights and recognizing their contributions, ultimately leading to more effective and inclusive policies that benefit both individuals and society as a whole.

General Objective:

To identify existing actions and partnerships as well as pending gaps for the effective inclusion and protection of older persons in multilateral settings and agreements.

Date:

Thursday, 30 May 2024

2nd event

The use of new technologies for promoting mental health, accompaniment, and support to improve the lives of older persons



Brief description:

Incorporating new technologies allows more accessible, efficient, and personalized approaches to promoting mental health support for older individuals, ultimately improving their quality of life.

General Objective:

To identify the link between the use of technologies and health.

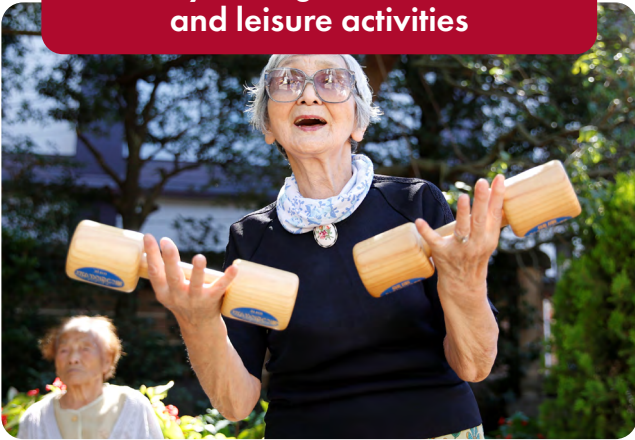
Date:

Thursday, 27 June 2024



3rd event

The implications of demographic shifts on social and economic security through labor markets and leisure activities



Brief description:
Demographic shifts have profound effects on labor markets, influencing the demand for skills, wages, and productivity. These changes also impact the availability and affordability of labor, requiring tailored labor market policies. Employers and policymakers need to understand and prepare for these shifts to effectively manage the labor market. Additionally, these shifts impact recreational opportunities, prompting the leisure industry to adapt and provide inclusive options to meet changing preferences and needs. This strategic planning can contribute to individual well-being and societal development.

General Objective:
To learn about the link between demographic shifts, labour markets, and leisure activities in the framework of social and economic security for older persons.

Date:
Thursday, 19 September 2024

4th event

The intersectionality of discrimination faced by older persons



Brief description:
The intersectionality of discrimination faced by older persons is crucial in highlighting the unique and layered forms of bias and exclusion they experience, which can inform effective interventions and policies to promote their rights and well-being.

General Objective:
To learn about ageism from different fields, including human mobility and gender.

Date:
Thursday, 17 October 2024

5th event

Protection of older persons in times of peace and war



Brief description:
The Protection of older persons in times of peace and war ensures the safety, rights, and wellbeing of aging individuals, promoting a just and compassionate society that values and respects their contributions.

General Objective:
To better understand how to protect older persons in times of peace and war, while considering their role in different context.

Date:
Thursday, 21 November 2024



FINAL OUTCOME OF THE SERIES

Same as for the first round of the series, video recordings of the events will be available on the Youtube account of UNITAR's SDP: [Mainstreaming Knowledge on Ageing - YouTube](#) as well as on the official UNITAR's webpage [Ageing & Older Persons | UNITAR](#) and the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing platform: <https://www.decadeofhealthyageing.org>. After the celebration of the events, those participants who joined 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 per event need to fulfil the following criteria: Having participated at least 75% by Zoom (to be measured by the system).

REGISTRATION

This series is 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!

Join us!

Register now!

Earn a certificate of participation!





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