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34th United Nations International Day of Older Persons

**Ageing with Dignity:  
The Importance of Strengthening Care and Support Systems for Older  
Persons Worldwide**

Monday, 7 October 2024 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
ECOSOC Chamber, UN Headquarters, New York

**The Programme**

**Opening Session**

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| Welcome         | <p><b>William Smith</b>, Chair of the NGO Committee on Ageing in New York</p> <p><b>Arjanita Elezaj</b>, Chair of the UNIDOP 2024 Programme Sub-Committee of the NGO Committee on Ageing in New York</p>   |
| Video Message   | <p><b>Guy Ryder</b>, Under-Secretary-General for Policy, Executive Office of the Secretary-General</p>   |
| Remarks by      | <p><b>H.E. Mr. Bob Rae</b>, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations and President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council</p> <p><b>H.E. Mr. Ricardo Ernesto Lagorio</b>, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations</p> <p><b>H.E. Ms. Paula Narváez Ojeda</b>, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations and Chair of the Group of Friends of Older Persons in New York</p> <p><b>H.E. Mr. Abdulaziz M. AlWasil</b>, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations</p> |
| Keynote Speaker | <p>Introduction of Keynote Speaker</p> <p><b>Beth Finkel</b>, State Director AARP New York</p> <p><b>Lorraine A. Cortés-Vázquez</b>, Commissioner of the New York City Department for the Aging</p>  |

**Key Initiatives and Launches**

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| Documentary<br>Trailer Screening | <p>Introduction of <i>Caregiving</i> Documentary</p> <p><b>Tom Chiodo</b>, Executive Producer, Special Projects, National Program Development- WETA / PBS</p> |
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Interactive  
Dialogue

**Josh Carter** CEO of the VEO-IBD Foundation  
**Wendy Naugle** Editor-in-Chief, People Magazine

Launch of UN  
Commemorative  
Stamp Set

Presentation of United Nations Postal Administration Commemorative Stamp Set  
**Chris Sharp**, Artist

Presentation of  
Titchfield Report

Introduction of Titchfield Report Segment  
**Amal Abou Rafeh**, Chief of the Programme on Ageing Section, DESA

**Edward Morgan**, Principal Statistician, Demography, Population  
Statistics Directorate Office for National Statistics, United Kingdom  
*Improving the visibility of older persons in global statistics*

## Panel Discussion

Introduction of Panel Discussion  
**Beth Finkel**, State Director AARP New York

Moderator

**John Wilmoth**, Director, Population Division, UN DESA

Panel members

**Peter Lloyd-Sherlock**, Professor in Social Policy and International Development,  
Northumbria University, United Kingdom

**Shereen Hussein**, Professor of Health and Social Care Policy, London School of  
Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and Founder and Director, Middle East and North  
Africa Research on Healthy Ageing (MENARAH) Network, United Kingdom

**Elizabeth Helzner**, Associate Professor and Interim Chair in the Department of  
Epidemiology and Biostatistics, State University of New York Downstate Health  
Sciences University, School of Public Health and The Brooklyn Initiative to Develop  
Geriatrics Education

**Kahir Lalji**, Provincial Director, Government Relations & Programs, United Way  
British Columbia & Vice-President International Longevity Centre Canada

Q&A Segment

## Closing Session

Remarks by

**Masumi Ono**, Chief, Social Inclusion and Participation Branch, DISD/DESA