

# INDEPENDENCE, AUTONOMY AND RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS IN THE AFRICAN CONTEXT



United Nations (UN) 10th Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing  
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## SIDE EVENT OBJECTIVES

- Facilitate multi-stakeholder conversations about the rights of older persons to independence and autonomy in Africa
- Enhance understandings of systemic drivers of older persons' vulnerabilities in Africa and the effect on autonomy and independence
- Highlight the importance of legislative opportunities for empowering of older persons and strengthening their rights
- Galvanize support for the UN Convention on the Rights of Older persons

**Chair: Mrs. Ifeoma N. Anagbogu**

Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Federal Republic of Nigeria

### 13:20—13:32 High Level Opening Remarks

(2min each)

**H.E. Mr. Omar Hilale**

Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the UN

**H.E. Mr. Jerry Mathews Matjila**

Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa to the UN

**H.E. Mr. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande**

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Nigeria to the UN

**H.E. Mr. Ali Alifei Moustapha**

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Chad to the UN

**H.E. Mr. Martin Garcia Moritan**

Permanent Representative of the Argentina to the UN

**Mr. Rio Hada**

Team Leader, Economic Social and Cultural Rights, UN Office OHCHR

Moderated by **Dr. Jane Barratt, Secretary General, IFA**

### 13:32—13:35 Overview of SGA Africa Regional and Global Engagements and Implications for Inclusion

**Ms. Amal Abou Rafeh**

Chief, Programme on Ageing Unit, Social Inclusion and Participation Branch, UN DESA

### 13:35—13:40 Practical Experiences to Barriers to Rights to Independence and Autonomy

**Ms. Bertha Elias Kijo**

Facilitator, Good Samaritan Services Active Healthy Women's Group, Tanzania

### 13:40—13:47 Systemic Drivers of Older Persons' Vulnerabilities and the Effect on Independence and Autonomy

**Dr. Emem Omokaro**

Executive Director, Dave Omokaro Foundation (DOF)

Co-chair, Stakeholder Group on Ageing (SGA) Africa

### 13:47—14:25 Open Moderated Dialogue:

**Innovations to Challenge Systemic Discrimination Including Legal Remedies**

Q & A

### 14:25—14:30 Closing

**Dr. Jane Barratt**

Secretary General, International Federation on Ageing (IFA)

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