



United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs  
Division for Inclusive Social Development

**Expert Group Meeting on Older Persons in Emergency Crises**

United Nations Headquarters, Room S-1520  
15-17 May 2019, New York

**AGENDA**

**Wednesday, 15 May 2019**

9:00 – 9:30      **Registration**

9:30 – 10:00    **Opening Session**

- Welcoming remarks by **Amal Abou Rafeh**, Chief of the UN Programme on Ageing, Division for Inclusive Social Development, UNDESA
- Objectives of the meeting and organization of work by **Julia Ferre**

10:00 – 12:30    **Session I: Older Persons in Emergency Crises: Setting the stage**

Presenters:

**April Pham** *United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs*  
[Humanitarian architecture: responding to the needs of older men and women in emergencies](#)

**Richard Blewitt** *International Federation of the Red Cross* [Older Persons in Emergencies](#)

**Verity McGivern** *HelpAge International* [What older people say about their experiences in humanitarian situations - findings from rapid needs assessments and interviews with older people](#)

**Ann Pawliczko** *Demographic Consultant* [Demographics of Ageing and the Implications for Humanitarian Crises](#)

Moderator: **Christian Courtis** *Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Discussion

12:30 – 14:00    Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:30 **Session II: Older Persons in Emergency Crises: Setting the stage**  
(continued)

Presenters:

**Bela Kapur** *LSE Centre for Women Peace and Security* Older Women in  
Emergency Crises: Vulnerabilities, Capacities and Opportunities  
**Supriya Akerkar** *Center for Development and Emergency Practices at Oxford*  
*Brookes University* Mapping of existing normative framework and guidelines  
relevant to older persons in conflict and disasters: Implications for policy and  
practice  
**Bethany Brown** *Human Rights Watch* Older People's Rights in Emergencies  
**Silvia Perel-Levin** *NGO Committee on Ageing at the United Nations* Abuse,  
Neglect and Violence against Older Persons

Moderator: **Werner Obermeyer** *World Health Organization*

Discussion

16:30- 17:00 **Wrap up**

**Thursday, 16 May 2019**

9:30 – 12:00 **Session III: Gaps, Challenges and Lessons learned**

Presenters:

**Isabelle de Muyser-Boucher** *United Nations Office for the Coordination of*  
*Humanitarian Affairs* Persons with disabilities: an example worth following?  
**Kirstin Lange** *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees* Older persons in  
forced displacement- compounding risks  
**William Ngabonziza** *Humanitarian Development Consortium* Beneficiaries  
identification and targeting criteria with older persons (South Sudan)  
**Fatimah Zuraidah Bt Salleh** *Department of Social Welfare of Malaysia* Social  
Support for the Affected Older Persons During the Emergency Crisis; Malaysia  
Perspective  
**Rawle Andrews Jr.** *AARP* Navigating the New Normal: Key Considerations for  
Older Adults, Family Caregivers and US-Based NGO Second Responders When a  
Natural Disaster Strikes

Moderator: **Silvia Perel-Levin** *NGO Committee on Ageing at the United Nations*

Discussion

12:00 – 14: 00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:30 **Session IV: Gaps, Challenges and Lessons learned (continued)**

Presenters:

**Sari Mutia Timur** *Yakkum Emergency Unit* [Left behind, access to rights and basic needs for older persons \(Indonesian Context\)](#)

**Khaled Hassine** *Office of the UN Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of All Human Rights by Older Persons, OHCHR* [Older persons in emergency situations – the human rights imperative](#) (Presented by **Christian Courtis** *Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights*)

**Sofia Rivas** *Cabinet of the First Lady, Presidency of Chile* [Minimum Standards for Age and Disability inclusion in Humanitarian Action](#)

**Matthew Wells** *Amnesty International* [Impact of Conflict and Displacement on Older People in Myanmar](#)

**Heorhii Tuka** *Ministry of Temporarily Occupied Territories and IDPs of Ukraine* [The situation in Ukraine with regard to the rights of older persons in conditions of armed conflict and temporary occupation.](#)

Moderator: **Verity McGivern** *HelpAge International*

Discussion

16:30- 17:00 **Wrap up**

[Friday, 17 May 2019](#)

10:00 – 11:00 **Meeting of the informal Inter-Agency Group on Ageing (IAGA)**

11:00 – 12:30 **Session V (a): Key Recommendations**

Recommendations should be as specific and action-oriented as possible and take account of the roles of various stakeholders, and include reflections on data and research, participation, funding, capacity building, etc.

12:30 – 13:45 Lunch Break

13:45 – 14:45 **Session V (b): Presentations and endorsement of Key Recommendations**

Closing Discussant:

**Sylvia Beales** *BealesGelber Consult London*

14:45 – 15:00 Closing remarks: **Amal Abou Rafeh** *UN DESA*