5 October 2017 (3 – 6 PM)
ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ, New York

Opening Session

Welcome by Janet Sigal, Chair of the NGO Committee on Ageing in New York
Sandra Timmermann and Rebecca Riger Tsurumi, Co-Chairs, UNIDOP Programme Sub-committee, NGO Committee on Ageing in New York

Remarks by František Ružička, Chef de Cabinet to the President of the 72nd Session of the UN General Assembly
Frederico S. Duque Estrada Meyer, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Mission of Brazil to the United Nations on behalf of the Group of Friends of Older Persons
Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, UNDESA
Lakshmi Puri, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of UNWOMEN

Formal Launch: World Population Ageing 2017 Highlights
Sara Hertog, Population Affairs Officer, UNDESA Population Division

Keynote Address: A Solution Waiting to Happen
Marc Freedman, Founder and CEO, Encore.org

Panel Discussion: “Stepping into the Future - Tapping the Talents and Participation of Older Persons”

Moderator by Donna Butts, Executive Director of Generations United
Panelists
Frank Leyhausen, General Manager, MedCom International, Germany
Edward Rogoff, Dean at LIU Brooklyn School of Business, Public Administration, and Information Sciences, USA
Livingstone Bartholomew Byekwaso, Executive Director of the NGO Saidia Wazee Karagwe (SAWAKA), Tanzania

Interactive dialogue

Closing Session

Remarks by Lidija Dravec, Vice-Chair of the General Assembly’s eighth session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing
Rosemary Lane, Focal Point on Ageing, UNDESA