Expert Group Meeting on

**Building Forward Better for Older Persons post COVID-19**

Virtual meeting, 2-5, March 2021

**Agenda**

**Tuesday, 2 March 2021**

9:00 – 9:10  **Opening Session**

- Introductory remarks: **Daniela Bas**, Director, Division for Inclusive Social Development, DESA
- Objectives of the meeting and organization of work: **Julia Ferre**, Social Affairs Officer, Programme on Ageing Unit, DESA

9:10 – 9:30  **Setting the Stage: Building Forward Better for Older Persons post COVID-19**

*Live presentations*

**Andrew Scott** Professor of Economics at London Business School  
**Claudia Mahler** Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of all Human Rights by older persons

9:30 – 11:00  **Session I. Economic and Social Inclusion post COVID-19**

*Pre-recorded presentations*

**Amanda Lenhardt** Research Associate, Overseas Development Institute  
**Florian Juergens** Global Advisor on Social Protection, HelpAge International  
“Older people’s livelihoods, income security and access to social protection during COVID-19 and beyond”

**Rio Hada** Team Leader, Human Rights and Economic and Social Issues Section, OHCHR  
“Addressing the age-old problem: Impact of intersectional discrimination on older persons in the COVID-19 pandemic”

**Israel Doron** Head of the Center for Research and Study on Ageing, University of Haifa  
“Care and Support for Older Persons: Post Covid-19”
Rosita Y. Lacson  President, Confederation of Older Persons Association of the Philippines “Testimonies”

Topics to be addressed

- Social Protection
- Labour markets and older workers
- Intersectionality of discrimination
- Care and support
- Voices of older persons

9:30 – 10:30  Interactive discussion
(facilitated by Florian Juergens Global Advisor on Social Protection, HelpAge International)

10:30 – 10:45  Screen break

10:45 – 11:00  Presentation of recommendations and closing

Wednesday, 3 March 2021

9:00 – 10:30  Session I. Economic and Social Inclusion post Covid-19 (Continued)

Pre-recorded presentations

Ignacio de la Puerta Rueda  Director of Territorial Planning and Urban Agenda of the Basque Country, Spain “Urban Agenda for the Basque Country”

Yumiko Kamiya  Population Affairs Officer, Fertility and Population Ageing, Population Division, DESA “Living arrangements”

Natasa Todorovic  Health and Care Program Manager, Red Cross of Serbia “Wakeup call: Prevention and response to the violence, abuse and neglect”

Ruthy Lowenstein Lazar  Head of the Center for Clinical Education ("Matters") and Lecturer at the Haim Striks School of Law “Me too? The invisible older victims of sexual violence”

Heidrun Mollenkopf  Board Member, German National Association of Senior Citizens’ Organizations “The digital Divide”

Angela Mwai  Leader of the Human Rights and Social Inclusion Unit, UN-Habitat “Age friendly cities”

Topics to be addressed

- Living arrangements
- Prevention and response to violence, abuse and neglect
- Sexual violence
- Digital Divide
- Age-friendly cities
9:00 – 10:00  Interactive discussion
(facilitated by Nena Georganzi Policy Coordinator on Human Rights and Non-Discrimination, AGE Platform Europe)

10:00 – 10:15  Screen break

10:15 – 10:30  Presentation of recommendations and closing

**Thursday, 4 March 2021**

9:00 – 10:30  **Session II. Learning from COVID-19 to strengthen health care for older people**

*Pre-recorded presentations*

**Dr. Ritu Sadana**, Unit Head, Ageing and Health, WHO “Fostering older people’s capacities and abilities – scenarios from 2021 to 2030”

**Dr. Yuka Sumi** Medical Officer, Ageing and Health, WHO “Learning from COVID-19 to strengthen care for older persons”

**Peter Lloyd-Sherlock** Professor, School of International Development, University of East Anglia “Vaccinations and trials”

**Rose Gahire** NSINDAGIZA Organisation, Rwanda “Testimonies”

*Topics to be addressed*

- Physical, mental and cognitive health care for older persons after COVID-19
- Equity across the life course
- Disruption of essential services
- Long term care
- Vaccination
- Voices of older persons

9:00 – 10:00  Interactive discussion
(facilitated by Dr. Ademola Olajide, Country Representative, United Nations Population Fund, Kenya)

10:00 – 10:15  Screen break

10:15 – 10:30  Presentation of recommendations and closing
Friday, 5 March 2021

9:00 – 10:30  **Session III. Post COVID-19 Development and Humanitarian Action**

*Pre-recorded presentations*

**Andrew Byrnes**, Professor of International Law University of New South Wales  
**Pytrik Oosterhof**, Founder and Senior Sustainable Development Consultant at O-land Consulting  
**Karen Gomez Dumpit** Commissioner Republic of Philippines Commission on Human Rights  
**Aneta Trgachevska** Health and Ageing Advisor for Europe at the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)  
**Ina Girard** Representative of the Austrian Red Cross in the South Caucasus  
**Jeremiah Dery** Regional Statistician, Ghana Statistical Service  
**Aleksandr Mihnovits** Consultant  
**Naiara Costa** Senior Sustainable Development Officer, Division for Sustainable Development, DESA  
**IFRC** “Testimonies”

*Topics to be addressed*

- National and international frameworks
- SDGs
- Socioeconomic recovery at country level
- Older Persons in Humanitarian contexts
- Data
- Voices of older persons

9:00 – 10:00  Interactive discussion  
(facilitated by **Masumi Ono** Chief of Social Inclusion and Participation Branch,  
Division for Inclusive Social Development, DESA)

10:00 – 10:15  Screen break

10:15 – 10:30  Presentation of recommendations and closing

10:30 – 10:45  Closing: **Amal Abou Rafeh**, Chief of the Programme on Ageing Unit, DESA