

International Day of Older Persons 2024

Geneva Calls: A Pivotal Moment for Older Persons' Rights

Tuesday 1st October 2024 Palais des Nations. Room XXIII, 15:00 – 16:30

PROGRAM

1. Opening statements

- **Mr Volker TÜRK**, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. (Recorded message)
- **Ms. Claudia MAHLER**, Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons. (Recorded message)
- **H.E. Ms. Anita PIPAN. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.** Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the United Nations Office at Geneva
- **H.E. Carlos Mario FORADORI.** Representative of Argentina to the United Nations Office at Geneva

2. Panel Discussion

- **H.E. Francisca Elizabeth MÉNDEZ ESCOBAR**, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations Office at Geneva, *The centrality of care and support from a human rights perspective*
- **Ms. Alana Margaret OFFICER.** Unit Head for Demographic Change & Healthy Aging, World Health Organization
- **Mr. Kari TAPIOLA**, Former Deputy Director General of the ILO.
- **Ms Pernille FENGER**, Director of the UNFPA Geneva office *the human rights of older persons in ICPD*
- **Ms. Silvia PEREL-LEVIN**, Vice-Chair of the NGO Committee on Ageing (Geneva), representative of the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA), *Meaningful participation and engagement of older persons and their representative organisations.*

3. Spotlight Interventions

- **H.E. Mr. Héctor Virgilio ALCÁNTARA.** Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations office at Geneva
- **Ms. Chitralekha Marie MASSEY.** Chief, The Rights of Older Persons Section. OHCHR.

4. Closing remarks

- **Mr. Todd HOWLAND.** Chief. Development and Economic and Social Rights Branch. OHCHR.

Moderator: Alejandro BONILLA GARCIA, Chair of the NGO Committee on Ageing, Geneva. Representative to UNOG of the International Federation on Ageing