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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

**EXPERT GROUP MEETING
Human Rights of Older Persons**

**New York, 29-31 May 2012,
Conference Room B, North Lawn Building
(1st Avenue and East 46th street)**

PROGRAMME OF WORK

DAY 1, Tuesday, 29 May 2012

- 10:00 **OPENING SESSION**
Opening statement: Mr. Jean-Pierre Gonnot, Chief Social Integration Branch,
Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social
Affairs (DESA)
- Opening statement: Mr. Craig Mokhiber, Chief, Development and Economic and
Social Issues Branch, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
(OHCHR)
- Introduction of expert participants and methodology of the meeting (roundtable
discussion and informal dialogue; delegations from member states and other
stakeholders in the room as observers)
- 10:45-11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:00-12:30 **SESSION 1: Age discrimination and multiple discrimination**
Chair: Ms. Maarit Kohonen Sheriff, Deputy Head of Office, OHCHR-New York
- Mr. Lauri Sivonen, Council of Europe Commissioner Office
 - Mr. Kieren Fitzpatrick, Asia Pacific Forum
- Open dialogue
- 12:30-14:30 *Lunch break*
- 14:30 -16:00 **SESSION 2: Human Rights related to the enjoyment of the right to health
in old age**
Chair: Mr. Christian Curtis, Human Rights Officer, OHCHR
- Mr. Diederik Lohman, Human Rights Watch
 - Ms. Tina Minkowitz, Center for the Human Rights of Users and Survivors of
Psychiatry/IDA
 - Mr. Alfonso Barragues, UNFPA
- Open dialogue
- 16:00-16:15 *Coffee break*



- 16:15 -18:00 **SESSION 3: Violence and abuse against older persons in the public and private sphere**
Chair: Mr. Robert Venne, Social Affairs Officer, Social Integration Branch, DESA
- Ms. Rashida Manjoo, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence against women
 - Prof. John Williams, Aberyswyth University
 - Ms. Nena Georgantzi, Legal & Research Officer, AGE Platform Europe
- Open dialogue

DAY 2, Wednesday, 30 May 2012

- 10:00-11:30 **SESSION 4: Life in dignity, right to social security and access to productive resources**
Chair: Mr. Jean Pierre Gonnot, Social Integration Branch, DESA
- Ms. Magdalena Sepulveda, United Nations Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human right
 - Ms. Inae Peak, Korean National Human Rights Commission
- Open dialogue

11:30-11:45 *Coffee break*

- 11:45-13:00 **SESSION 5: Long-term care of older persons, including home care and institutional care**
Chair: Ms. Rosemary Lane, Focal Point on Ageing, DESA
- Ms. Bridget Sleap, Helpage International
 - Mr. Mathias Kloth, Council of Europe
- Open dialogue

13:00-14:30 *Lunch break*

- 15:00-16:30 **SESSION 6: Older persons and the justice system**
Chair: Mr. Stefano Sensi, Human Rights Officer, OHCHR
- Honorable Kristin Booth Glen, Judge, New York County Surrogates Court
 - Prof. John Williams, Aberyswyth University
 - Ms. Tina Minkowitz, Center for the Human Rights of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry/IDA

16:30-16:45 *Coffee break*

- 16:45-17:30 **Conclusions and closing remarks**
Identification of steps forward
Christian Courtis, OHCHR, and Rosemary Lane, DESA

17:30 ***End of open meeting***

DAY 3, Thursday, 31 May 2012

Strategy meeting among experts (closed meeting)