



Open-ended Working Group on Ageing
for the purpose of strengthening the protection
of the human rights of older persons



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Application Form for Accreditation to the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWGA)

Accreditation is a **one-time process** by which not previously accredited non-governmental organizations become eligible to participate as observers in the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing. Accreditation is granted to organizations and not to individuals.

NGOs that have consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) or were accredited before are already accredited to the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing. All other NGOs wishing to participate in the **Sixth Session of the OEWGA MUST** apply for accreditation.

The Application form (in word document) should contain all the following information:

a. The purpose of the organization;

Saldarriaga Concha Foundation is a **Colombian** social organization which for the past 42 years has been working to transform Colombia into a society for all, with special focus on persons with disabilities, older persons and the ageing population. Our work is aimed at contributing to a cultural transformation in which respect for other people and solidarity are a top priority, and where social inclusion is ensured through effective fulfillment of international human rights and duties.

b. Information as to the programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the human rights of older persons;

Saldarriaga Concha Foundation develops and support different projects and initiatives on the rights or older persons and the ageing population in Colombia. Our activities are focused on: advocacy, healthy lifestyles, productivity and education.

We support **advocacy** processes and projects aimed at fostering, and enhancing social inclusion for all, focusing on disability, the ageing process and the older persons. We support public decisions, policies and projects, both at the local, national and international level, to ensure and fulfil international and constitutional human rights obligations. For example, we developed a participative process to build a local public policy on older persons and aging population for a region located in the Colombian

Caribbean. We also supported the National Public Policy on Aging and Older Persons within the National Ministry of Health in 2007, and its reviewing process during 2014.

We are undertaking a national quantitative and qualitative research on ageing and the older persons in Colombia named: "Colombia: an aging society" which seeks to provide recommendations on the social, political and economic implications of the demographic transition in Colombia, mainly on: health, social protection, savings and livelihood, reparations for the armed conflict victims, and peace-building processes.

We promote healthy lifestyles on older persons and their families, we also promote a healthy and active ageing process, and we seek to strength care-giving services and activities within the family and the community.

We support rural productivity initiatives of older persons and their families so they can be active, feel useful and give back to the community and to their families, so they do depend less on State's support and assistance.

Finally, we support continuous education strategies for all persons throughout lifespan, so they can improve their access to Internet and technology regardless of their age.

c. Confirmation of the activities of the organization at the national, regional or international level;

Some of our activities, projects and initiatives can be confirmed on the following links. Unfortunately, most of them are in our working language: Spanish.

Activity/ Project/Initiative	Link
Rural productivity initiative, Blackberry crops in Versalles farm (Valle del Cauca, Colombia).	https://youtu.be/T29Aug3w_oQ?list=UUIntTU-udKus3B0ehzAz4WQ
Rural productivity initiative, Guava crops in Velez Province, (Santander, Colombia).	http://www.saldarriagaconcha.org/prensa/noticias/item/461-fsc-contribuye-con-el-fortalecimiento-del-proceso-de-comercializacion-de-la-guayaba-en-la-provincia-de-velez-santander
Storytelling contest for older persons in Colombia. "Historias en Yo Mayor".	http://www.saldarriagaconcha.org/que-hacemos/vida-digna/item/123-historias-en-yo-mayor-version-2013 http://www.saldarriagaconcha.org/prensa/noticias/item/409-se-abre-convocatoria-del-concurso-de-cuento-y-narracion-oral-para-mayores-de-60-anos-historias-en-yo-mayor

	Videos:
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQLtZLcX_AM
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t8PZBPJCE5A
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6YrAu26iBM
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RoBt1FMHUmc
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tm5FM2nTtbY
Bolivar's Public Policy on Aging and Older persons, 2015-2027.	http://www.saldarriagaconcha.org/2014-07-28-19-49-50/derechos-y-politicas-publica
Research on political participation of older persons in Colombia.	http://www.saldarriagaconcha.org/images/documentos/Cultura_politica_de_las_personas_mayores_Colombiana.pdf
	Videos:
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YyTUGAYgMaw
Older persons and persons with disabilities' strengthening of productivity units and small businesses in Buenaventura, (Pacific coast, Valle del Cauca, Colombia)	http://www.saldarriagaconcha.org/que-hacemos/vida-digna/item/83-fortalecimiento-de-unidades-productivas-en-buenaventura

d. Copies of the annual or other reports of the organization with financial statements, and a list of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions;

Year	Link to annual report (In Spanish)
2014	http://www.saldarriagaconcha.org/images/documentos/informe_gestion_sostenibilidad_fsc_2014.pdf
2013	http://www.saldarriagaconcha.org/images/documentos/INFORME_DE_SOSTENIBILIDAD_2013_FSC_1.pdf
2012	http://www.saldarriagaconcha.org/images/fsc/pdf/sostenibilidad/informe_de_sostenibilidad_fsc_2012.pdf
2011	http://www.saldarriagaconcha.org/images/fsc/pdf/sostenibilidad/informe_de_sostenibilidad_fsc_2011.pdf
2010	http://www.saldarriagaconcha.org/images/fsc/pdf/sostenibilidad/informe_de_sostenibilidad_fsc_2010.pdf

2009	http://www.saldarriagaconcha.org/images/fsc/pdf/sostenibilidad/informe_de_sostenibilidad_fsc_2009.pdf
2008	http://www.saldarriagaconcha.org/images/fsc/pdf/sostenibilidad/informe_de_sostenibilidad_fsc_2008.pdf
2007	http://www.saldarriagaconcha.org/images/fsc/pdf/sostenibilidad/informe_de_sostenibilidad_fsc_2007.pdf

Note: at the end of each annual report you can find the financial statement for every year reflecting Saldarriaga Concha Foundation own resources.

From 2013 to present Saldarriaga Concha Foundation has received financial resources from different partners as follows:

External Financial Resources 2013-2015 In US dollars)	
Colombian government	10,8 million
Colombian private sector	0,4 million
International cooperation (USAID, Inter-American Bank of Development, Holy See, among others)	2,6 million
Approximated total	13,8 million

e. A list of members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality;

BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
Name	Position	Nationality
Augusto Galán Sarmiento	President	Colombian
Orlando Álvarez Betancur	Vice-president	Colombian
José Vicente Pombo Concha	Member	Colombian
Mauricio Pardo Koppel	Member	Colombian
Olga Lucía Acosta	Member	Colombian
Camilo Congote Hernández	Member	Colombian
Santiago Piedrahita Montoya	Member	Colombian
Soraya Montoya González	Executive Director	Colombian

f. A description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members, the names of organizations that are members and their geographical distribution;

Saldarriaga Concha Foundation is a Colombian Social Organization with 29 persons in its staff. We don't have affiliated organizations, but we are partners with other organizations such as: Pacto de productividad, Carvajal Foundation, Corona Foundation, Bancolombia Foundation, Semana Foundation, we are also members of the Association of Business Foundations (AFE) Colombia. All of our work is located in Colombia, even though our

advocacy work often collaborates with the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Organization of American States (OAS).

g. A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization.

In the following link you can find the Constitution or articles of incorporation of Saldarriaga Concha Foundation in Spanish and according to Colombian Law. No English version is available:

http://www.saldarriagaconcha.org/images/documentos/estatutos_FSC_2011.pdf

DEADLINE

Please note that the application form should be received by **25 May 2015**. NGOs are encouraged to send their applications by email at ageing-working-group@un.org

Applications for accreditation must be sent in word document by email to:

UNDESA DSPD Focal Point on Ageing
Email: ageing-working-group@un.org

Please note:

- The Secretariat shall circulate to all States members of the Open-ended Working Group a list of new applications for accreditation received from non-governmental organizations **no less than four weeks prior to each session of the Working Group, on a non-objection basis**, except for the first session of the Working Group, when circulation of the list will take place no later than two weeks prior to the session;
- NGOs are encouraged to apply for ECOSOC Consultative Status. Please visit this website to learn more on how to apply: <http://csonet.org/?menu=83>