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Rosa Kornfeld Matte

Independent Expert

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Christoph Angster

Senior Policy Officer on Ageing, Austria

Christoph is the Senior Policy Officer on Ageing in the Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health & Consumer Protection in Austria. Christoph joined the Ministry in 2017 and has worked in the areas of International and European relations, focusing on ageing and volunteering policies. He is also part of the presidential office for the Austrian Presidency of the European Council. Before joining the Ministry, Christoph worked as scientific officer at the Austrian Society for European Politics focusing on demographic developments, migration and environmental politics. Christoph holds a degree in Political Science from the University of Vienna.



Tamara Nikolić

Assistant Professor, Serbia

Tamara is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Adult Education at the University of Belgrade in Serbia. Tamara developed a series of workshops such as 'Let's Develop' to promote social therapeutics among professionals of various fields in Serbia. She has published over 40 scholarly papers. Tamara has an undergraduate and Master's degrees in Andragogy, both from the University of Belgrade. She also earned a degree in Human Relations from the University of Nottingham. Her doctorate is in the field of Adult Education, specifically Leisure Education.



Lily Gray
Senior Liaison Officer, UNESCO

Lily is the Senior Liaison Officer at UNESCO New York Office. Lily is responsible for promoting UNESCO's programmes in the fields of education, culture and social sciences. Her work focuses on major global education related partnerships; improving relevance of the cognitive, behavioural and social skills of young people including through education for sustainable development and global citizenship. Before joining UNESCO, Lily worked for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria, where she served as a diplomat responsible for the human rights and humanitarian issues at the United Nations. Lily holds an MSc. in International Relations from the University of Sofia, Bulgaria.

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María Soledad Cisternas Reyes
Special Envoy

Maria was appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General as his Special Envoy on Disability and Accessibility. Maria was also Chair of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of the United Nations and recipient of the National Prize of Human Rights from 2014 to 2015. She was an expert before the ad hoc committee that developed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, for which she is also the rapporteur for individual complaints. Maria is the director of several legal and interdisciplinary projects, as well as an author of various publications, and an exhibitor at national and international conferences. She has a Law and a Master's degree in political science, Universidad Católica de Chile.



Matthias von Schwanenflügel
**Director General, Division of Demographic Change,
Older People and Welfare, Germany**

Matthias is the Director General of the Division of Demographic Change, Older People and Welfare in the Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth in Germany. From 2010 to 2014, he was Head of the Household, Legal and Telematics Division and, from 2005 to 2010, Head of the Nursing Care Sub-Division of the Federal Ministry of Health, where he had been working in various departments since 1991. Matthias holds a doctorate in law and was a consultant at the US Department of Health and Human Services in 2011 and is a lecturer at the Universities of Münster and Bremen.



Karen S. Gomez Dumpit
Commissioner on Human Rights, Philippines

Karen is the Philippines Commission on Human Rights. She worked at the Commission through various career posts spanning 25 years. Karen was the first director of the Commission's Child Rights Center, engaging with stakeholders on discussions on Juvenile Justice, which paved the way for consolidation of Philippine Action for Youth Offenders GO-NGO coalition. Karen's efforts with key national partners resulted in the establishment of a minority age in the country, sparing children from the death row. Karen has a degree in AB Communication Arts from De La Salle University, a Masters in Public Management from the Development Academy of Philippines, and a Masters of Science in Human Rights from London School of Economics and Political Science.



Omobolanle Amaike
Associate Professor, Nigeria

Omobolanle (Bola) Amaike is an Associate Professor of Sociology with focus on Social Gerontology and Development Studies. Since joining the University of Lagos, Bola has conducted extensive research in Sociology (Gerontology and Development) and mentored colleagues and students in those fields. Bola is widely published in both local and international journals, with over 30 publications to her credit. She obtained her undergraduate degree (B.Sc.) in Sociology and Masters in Sociology, as well as a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Lagos, Nigeria.



Alana Margaret Officer
Senior Health Adviser, WHO

Alana is the Senior Health Adviser at the Department of Ageing and Life Course in WHO Geneva. Alana's academic background spans podiatric medicine applied science and public health. Prior to joining WHO, Alana held several clinical, technical and managerial positions working on health, disability, rehabilitation and development in West and Central Africa, Europe, South Asia, the Middle East and the Western Pacific. She coordinated the Disability and Rehabilitation team, where she led the development of landmark resources like the WHO global disability action plan 2014–2021: Better health for all people with disability (2014), the World report on disability (2011) and the Guidelines on community-based rehabilitation (2010). At the Department of Ageing and Life course, Alana lead the development of the World Report on Ageing and Health 2015. She currently oversees the organizations work on age-friendly environments including the Global Network on Age-friendly Cities and Communities as well as the Global Campaign to Combat Ageism. Alana also coordinates, on behalf of the Department, the development of the Decade of Healthy Ageing (2020-2030).



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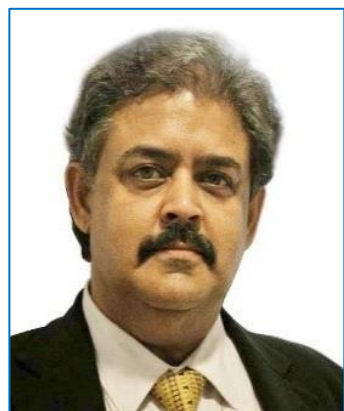
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Adriana Elizabeth Rovira Benitez **Director,** **National Institute for Older Persons, Uruguay**

Adriana is the Director of the National Institute for Older Persons in Uruguay. Prior to this position, Adriana was an advisor on ageing policies at the Dirección Nacional de Políticas Sociales of the Ministerio de Desarrollo Social. Since 2012, she was assigned as director of the Instituto Nacional de las Personas Mayores from the Ministerio de Desarrollo Social, which is the governing institute for ageing policies. From 2009 to 2014, Adriana was spokesperson for ageing related matters for the South Region of the Red Interamericana Intergubernamental de Cooperación Técnica (RIICOTEC). Adriana is a psychologist and a Masters graduate from the Universidad de la República in Uruguay. She is also a PhD candidate in the Faculty of Psychology at the University.



Himanshu Rath **Founder and Chair, Agewell Foundation, India**

Himanshu is Founder and Chair of Agewell Foundation in India. Himanshu is a distinguished social communicator and activist, who has initiated several innovative projects. He produced communication modules in issues concerning older people including at the local and global levels. Himanshu founded Agewell Foundation in 1999 with the aim to extend a helping hand towards old people and advocate for their needs and rights. He has consistently used his skills to bridge the gap between younger and older generations to ensure a better future. Under his leadership, Agewell Foundation has established a nationwide network of 87,000+ volunteers spread across 718 districts in India. Agewell has also conducted several research projects to advocate for the needs and rights of vulnerable older persons. Himanshu has also been an active participant in deliberations on age related issues at United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP).



Vinicius Carvalho Pinheiro
Special Representative and Director, ILO

Vinicius Carvalho Pinheiro is the Special Representative to the United Nations and the Director of ILO New York Office. Vinicius is responsible for issues related to the world of work at the UN, including the areas of employment and decent work, social protection, labour migration, youth employment, child and forced labour, gender economic empowerment, working conditions and labour rights. Prior to joining ILO, Vinicius was the National Secretary for Social Security of Brazil (1999 2002). He taught in the Economics Department of the University of Brasília and has authored various articles in the area of pensions and social protection. Vinicius is an Economist and has a Masters degree in Political Science from the University of Brasilia and specializations in Public Administration and Public Policies (National School of Public Administration, Brasília).

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Guhercan Vural
Associate Expert,
Ministry of Family, Labour & Social Services, Turkey

Guhercan Vural is an Associate Expert at the Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Services in Turkey. Guhercan works within the General Directorate of Services for Persons with Disabilities and Older People. The department focuses on older persons' participation in society, including identifying barriers and solutions related to care services for older persons. Guhercan holds a Masters Degree in Management and Organizational Behaviour from the Hacettepe University Institute of Social Sciences and a degree in Business Administration from the same University.



Tatiana Moskalkova
High Commissioner for Human Rights, Russian Federation

Tatiana Moskalkova is the High Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation. Tatiana is a lawyer, teacher, and politician. She has been Russia's Commissioner for Human Rights since 2016. Tatiana is the Deputy of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation V and VI convocations. She holds a Doctor of Law and PhD and is an Honoured Lawyer in Russia. Tatiana is also a retired Major-General in the police.



Andrew Kavala

Chair, Civil Society Platform for Social Protection, Malawi

Andrew Kavala is the Chairperson of Civil Society Platform for Social Protection, Malawi. Andrew holds a Bachelor of Social Science and a Master of Business Administration (MBA), both from the University of Malawi. He currently leads Malawi's age network, the Malawi Network of Older Persons' Organizations (MANEPO) as Country Director. MANEPO is an umbrella body coordinating over sixty (60) civil society organisations whose aim is to help older people claim their rights, challenge discrimination and overcome poverty to enable them to lead dignified, secure, active and healthy lives. Andrew is also one of the Founding Directors (Trustees) for Southern Africa Regional Age Network (SARAN).



Rodrigo Jiménez Sandoval

Lawyer, Costa Rica

Rodrigo Jiménez Sandoval is a lawyer and consultant specialized in women rights, rights of people with disabilities, older people and children, indigenous people and LGBTTI population. Rodrigo studied Law at the University of Costa Rica and since 1984 has been Professor of International Law at the Autonomous Central American University (UACA). For over ten years, Rodrigo worked as legal advisor for many Costa Rican NGOs, including the Helen Keller Association, the Down Syndrome Association, and the Costa Rican Association of Handicapped People. He was also a board member of the National Rehabilitation Council and of the National Rehabilitation Patronate. For 8 years, Rodrigo served as an international consultant for the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights at the Cambridge University Press. He has also worked for UNDP, the World Bank, and the Fundación Arias para la Paz y el Progreso Humano. Since 1995, he has been Sub-Director of the Women, Justice, and Gender Program of ILANUD. He has written various books and many magazine articles on persons with disabilities and women's rights. Rodrigo has a degree in Education, and a Master's in Business Studies.