***Human rights in older age:***

***Towards the elimination of ageism and age discrimination***

[**Virtual side event**](https://hrworg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wOy7GGkqQgaaACt38yJb9Q) **during the 48th session of the Human Rights Council (HRC)**

**Tuesday 21 September 2021 8:00am – 9:15am EDT (NY)| 2:00pm – 3:15pm CEST (GVA)**

*With Speech-to-Text (CART), International Sign Language and interpretation Spanish and French* [*Register here*](https://hrworg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wOy7GGkqQgaaACt38yJb9Q)

***Background***

Ageism has serious consequences for individuals and society at large. According to the UN Global Report on Ageism, half of the world’s population is ageist against older persons. Despite its scale and harmful impacts, ageism remains largely unknown and is often considered more acceptable compared to other forms of discrimination.

The report of the UN Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons to the 48th session of the HRC ([A/HRC/48/53](https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=A%2FHRC%2F48%2F53&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop)), examines and raises awareness of the prevalence of ageism and age discrimination, analyses their possible causes and manifestations, and reviews the way the existing legal and policy frameworks at the international and regional levels protect against ageism and age-discrimination.

This side event during the 48th session of the HRC will bring to the fore real-life experiences of ageism and age discrimination faced by older persons and will take stock of the Independent Expert’s conclusions and recommendations.

***This event is a UNIDOP pre-event in the run-up to #OlderPersonsDay (1 October)***

**In the programme:**

**Michelle Bachelet**, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

**María Conchita Fernanda Ramirez Arias,** Council of older people Colombia

**Adolf Ratska,** Independent Living Institute Sweden

**Rosita «Chit» Lacson**, Confederation of Older Persons Association of the Philippines

**Edgardo Corts**, Older persons in Diversity, Argentina

**Bertha Elias Kasake Kijo,** HelpAgeTanzania

***Short videos by older persons in Canada, Moldova, Togo, Ukraine***

**Claudia Mahler**, Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons

**Alana Officer*,*** Unit Head, Demographic Change and Healthy Ageing, WHO

**H.E. Ms Anita Pipan,** Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva, co-chair of the Group of Friends (TBC)

Moderator: **Monica Ferro**, Director United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Geneva office

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