

**THE 21ST ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS**



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Reception Honoring Individuals & Organizations for Lifetime Achievements

“Shaping Society for Older People and Future Generations”

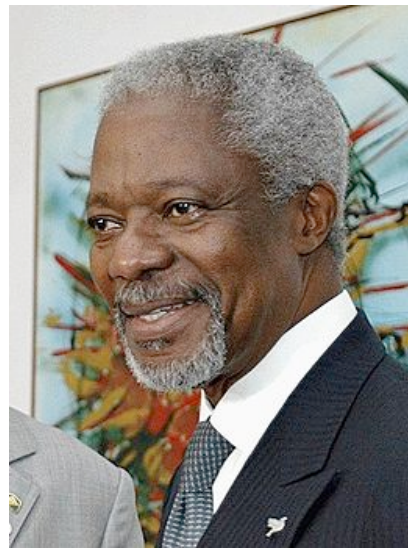
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Ambassador Julia Alvarez

Ambassador Julia Alvarez is a pioneer on the global ageing stage. She is known at the United Nations as "Ambassador on Aging" for her work representing the needs of ageing women around the world. She was instrumental in creating UN International Day of Older Persons, as well as the International Year of Older Persons. Her vision of peacemaking using the knowledge and experience of elderly people has providing the basis for many fruitful intergenerational exchanges.



Dr. Kofi Annan

Dr. Kofi Annan served as the seventh Secretary-General of United Nations. Under his leadership, member countries signed the historic the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing during the Second World Assembly on Ageing. Presently, he continues his humanitarian work through various organizations such as the Kofi Annan Foundation, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, and the Global Elders.



Argentine Republic

The Argentine Republic's domestic and international policies have embraced the needs and interests of an ageing population. Argentina is a member of the Commission for Social Development. Through their work on this commission and their continued advocacy work, Argentina has been a leader in promoting human rights instrument for the rights of older people at the United Nations.



Dr. Mohini Giri

Dr. V. Mohini Giri, a leader in the women's movement, specializes in human rights and gender justice in India and South Asia. For four decades she has worked to empower women, specifically through advocacy work for India's widows and other vulnerable populations. Dr. Giri has served as Chairperson of the Guild of Service since 1979. She has also served as Founder President of the War Widow Association since 1971 and as Founder Trustee of the Women's Initiative for Peace in South Asia since 2000. Her work is known both nationally and internationally.



Baroness Sally Greengross

Baroness Greengross, co-chair of the Alliance for Health & the Future, is also executive chair of ILC - United Kingdom. In 2000 she was awarded a life peerage and appointed an independent member of the House of Lords. In Parliament, she is a member of Sub-Committee F (Social Affairs, Education and Home Affairs) of the House of Lords European Union Select Committee and chairs the all-party group on Corporate Social Responsibility.

From 1987 to 2000, she was director general of Age Concern England, the largest charity working for and with older people, and remains vice president of the organisation. Since 2000, she has been a board member of HelpAge International and holds honorary positions with a wide range of national and international charities and voluntary bodies.



Dr. Alexandre Kalache

For the last forty years Alexandre Kalache has combined his medical, epidemiological and gerontological training with research, advocacy and activism on global ageing issues. Under his leadership, the World Health Organisation launched the Active Ageing Policy Framework and the global movement on Age-Friendly Cities among many other enduring initiatives. His expertise and advice is keenly sought from all corners of the world by national, state and municipal governments, universities, think-tanks, civil society and private bodies as well as intergovernmental agencies and, importantly, the media.



Nelson Mandela

Nelson Mandela has dedicated his life's work to human rights and social justice. During apartheid Mandela fought hard for true equality and democracy in South Africa. As the first democratically elected president of South Africa, he transitioned the country into a new age by creating an open sphere of dialogue to heal the pain of the past and discuss the strategies for a more just society. The establishment of the Nelson Mandela Foundation insures the continuation of his advocacy work for future generations.



Dr. Maria Isabel Rodriguez

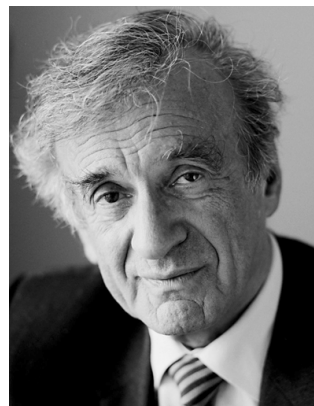
Dr. Rodriguez graduated with honors from the University of El Salvador and upon graduation began a career in cardiovascular physiology. Soon after, she became the first woman to be appointed Dean of the University of El Salvador. She began her international career in human resources for health and medical education in Latin America. She was the first female Minister of Health and Social Welfare in El Salvador. At 90 years old she continues to serve as Minister of Health and create programs to improve the health of older persons; she is referred to as a global health hero.



Dr. Alexandre Sidorenko

Dr. Sidorenko joined the United Nations Secretariat in 1988, first in Vienna, Austria, but has been in New York since 1993. Posts include the UN Focal Point on Ageing; Chief of the United Nations Programme on Ageing (1993-2002); and Coordinator of the International Year of Older Persons (1999). Major responsibilities have included the coordination of the UN activities in the area of aging, including promotion and monitoring of international policy and programs on aging.

In 2000-2002, he helped the coordination of substantive preparations for the Second World Assembly on Ageing in Madrid, Spain. Since October 2002, he has served as the UN Focal Point on Ageing. Principal tasks include follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing; specific areas of professional involvement are the monitoring of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and the development of evidence based policy on aging.



Sir Elie Wiesel

As a writer, political activist, Nobel Laureate and Holocaust survivor, Elie Wiesel, has contributed to the moral consciousness of the world and has asked all to join in his quest for human rights. His books have touched the world including *Night*, a work based on his experiences as a prisoner in the German concentration camps. Presently, the work of the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity to counter injustice and intolerance by encourage understanding and acceptance through open discussion and programs creates a legacy of love for future generations to contribute to.