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Erica Dhar, *Co-Chair, Stakeholder
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Claudia Mahler, *Independent Expert on
the enjoyment of all human rights by
older persons*

Papa Seck, *Chief of Research and Data
Section, UN Women*

INTERACTIVE PANEL

Moderator:
Rosemary Kalapurakal, *Deputy
Director, UN Development
Coordination Office*

Panellists:
Lefhoko Kesamang, *Senior Social
Welfare Officer, African Union
Commission*

Respondent:
Galina Poliakakova, *Turbota pro Litnih
v Ukraïni*

FINAL THOUGHTS

Dorothy Estrada-Tanck, *Working Group
on discrimination against women and
girls*



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Erica Dhar, Co-Chair, Stakeholder Group on Ageing

Erica Dhar is Director of Global Alliances and Advocacy with AARP's Office of International Affairs and serves as AARP's Chief Representative to the United Nations. She has expertise working with the United Nations, advocating on issues of global aging, including the human rights of older persons; and on the sustainable development goals 2030 agenda. Erica manages the AARP Office of International Affairs in New York City, where she is responsible for relationships with international nonprofits, UN agencies and organizations dealing with aging, as well as international visitors. Erica is a board member of the UN NGO Committee on Ageing in NY and serves as the co-chair of the UN Stakeholder Group on Ageing. She spent 18 years in the broadcast and financial services industry. Erica received her bachelor's degree with honors from Delhi University in India, a master's degree in corporate political communication from Fairfield University in Connecticut, and a master's degree from the New York University Gallatin School of Individualized Study.



Rosemary Kalapurakal, Deputy Director, UN Development Coordination Office



Rosemary was appointed DCO Deputy Director in May 2021, after having served ad interim since December 2020, and as its Chief of Policy and Programme for two years. She brings to this role more than 20 years of diverse experience at the UN, spanning policy and programme work as well as strategic management and operations. Previously, she served as the 2030 Agenda Lead Advisor for UNDP in its Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, and as the Deputy Executive Coordinator of the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) Programme. She has worked for UNDP in numerous management and policy capacities at HQ and in the field, focused on sustainable development and inclusion. Rosemary holds a doctorate in Business and a master's degree in economics.



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Lefhoko Kesamang, Senior Policy Officer, Division for Social Welfare, Vulnerable Groups, Drug Control and Crime Prevention at the Department of Health, Humanitarian Affairs, and Social Development, African Union Commission

Mr. Lefhoko Kesamang is a social development specialist with substantial cross-functional skills.

He is the Senior Policy Officer within the Division for Social Welfare, Vulnerable Groups, Drug Control and Crime Prevention at the Department of Health, Humanitarian Affairs, and Social Development, African Union Commission. His work responsibilities include the coordination and facilitation of the implementation of the disability, ageing, social policy and social protection programmes of the African Union. Mr. Kesamang previously worked for the health services of the Government of the Republic of Botswana as a Clinical Social Worker. He also served as a Health Attaché at the Botswana Consulate General in Johannesburg, South Africa.

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

Ms. Mahler has been working for the German Institute for Human Rights as a senior researcher in the field of economic, social and cultural rights since 2010. She is also a visiting professor at the Alice Salomon Hochschule. From 2001 to 2009, Ms. Mahler conducted research at the Human Rights Centre of the University of Potsdam where her main fields were in human rights education, minority rights and the law of asylum. In 2000, she was appointed as Vice President of the Human Rights Commission for Tyrol and Vorarlberg. She has also worked as a lecturer in the field of human rights law and as a consultant to OHCHR in Geneva.

From 1997-2001, she held the position of an assistant at the Leopold-Franzens-University Innsbruck, Austria in the field of Criminal Law and Criminal Procedures. Ms. Mahler received her doctoral degree in 2000.





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Papa Seck, Chief of Research and Data Section, UN Women

Papa Seck is the Chief of UN Women's Research and Data section, where he has been leading statistics since 2009. He spearheaded the development of Women Count, UN Women's global gender data programme in 2016, to improve the production and use of gender data and to help countries monitor the Sustainable Development Goals from a gender perspective.



Dorothy Estrada-Tanck, Working Group on discrimination against women and girls



Dorothy Estrada-Tanck is Assistant Professor of Public International Law (tenure-track) at the Faculty of Law of the University of Murcia, and Co-director of its Legal Clinic. She is a member and currently Vice-Chair of the UN Working Group on Discrimination against Women and Girls. Dorothy holds a PhD in Law from the European University Institute (Italy), an MSc in Political Theory from the London School of Economics and Political Science (United Kingdom) and a Law Degree from Escuela Libre de Derecho (Mexico).

She enjoys broad academic and professional experience in the UN, State bodies, NGOs and universities in Mexico, Italy, Spain, the U.S. and Canada, focusing on human rights, gender equality, human security, migration, and socio-economic justice. She is author of *Human Security and Human Rights under International Law: The Protections Offered to Persons Confronting Structural Vulnerability* (Hart Publishing, Oxford, 2016; Best Book Award 2017, Inter-American Bar Association, Washington, D.C.).