

***Human rights in older age:  
Towards the elimination of ageism and age discrimination***

**Virtual side event during the 48<sup>th</sup> session of the Human Rights Council (HRC)  
Tuesday 21 September 2021 14:00-15:15**

**Organizers:** UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons, NGO Committee on Ageing (Geneva), HelpAge International, AGE Platform Europe, Human Rights Watch

**Co-sponsors:** Group of Friends of the human rights of older persons, Geneva (TBC), INPEA, ILC GA, WHO, UNFPA, UN DESA, NGO Committee on Ageing NY, International Disability Alliance

The event will have closed caption, International Sign language and interpretation Spanish and French. [Register here](#)

***Background***

Ageism is a global phenomenon, which 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 48<sup>th</sup> session of the HRC ([A/HRC/48/53](#)), 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 48<sup>th</sup> 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 on 1 October**

**Programme:**

**Moderator:** **Monica Ferro**, Director, UNFPA Geneva office

**Opening remarks:** **Michelle Bachelet**, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

**Voices of older people – Local experiences of ageism and how to address them**, older persons from different countries and experiences

**Report on ageism and age discrimination:** **Claudia Mahler**, Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons

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

Q&A session

**Concluding remarks:** Member of the Group of Friends, Geneva (TB)

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