

**ROUNDTABLE SERIES**


# MAINSTREAMING KNOWLEDGE ON AGEING

*Bridging paths towards strengthening protection and participation*



## ACCESS TO HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SERVICES: Further vulnerabilities merging from ageing

 **25** OCTOBER  
2023

 **9:30–11:10 (NY time)/  
15:30–17:10 (CET)**

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## BACKGROUND

Throughout the years different dynamics in access to health and social care services have impacted the ageing process in all regions around the world. Although opportunities and challenges vary depending on the contexts, there are common aspects to take care from the human rights-based approach, towards gender-responsive, disability-inclusive, and age-sensitive systems.

Everyone has the human right to health and social protection. Among other implications, its enjoyment allows autonomous and independent lives, as the cornerstone of better societies for all where each person has a role to play.

In this regard, access to this kind of services, should not be undervalued to any discriminatory preconception such as age, gender, or migratory status, as in particular learned from fortuitous events or unforeseen circumstances such as COVID 19 where older persons faced different challenges in two ways, as caregivers, and as relegated persons in accessing to health and cares services for them.

Paving the way through knowledge on this thematic towards stronger systems, interalia, requires raising awareness on the thematic as a mean of empowering beneficiaries and relevant stakeholders involved.

## GENERAL OBJECTIVE

To learn on the impact of these services to physical and mental health, as well as quality of life and livelihood.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

The event is open to different actors interested in ageing and the rights of older persons, including:

- Public sector officials, policy makers and practitioners
- International Organizations
- Civil Society
- National Human Rights Institutions
- Academia
- Private sector

This event as well as the upcoming ones from the virtual roundtable series are open and free to All.

## FORMAT

Online. Due to the worldwide situation caused by the pandemic, these events will be celebrated online with spirit of inclusion to allow participants from different parts of the world to join us.



## SPECIAL NOTES

1. Only those participants who join us by Zoom, at less 75% of the time, could have access to a certificate of participation by UNITAR. The system will automatically be measuring connection time per session.
2. You're warmly welcome to send questions or suggestions in advance to [sdp@unitar.org](mailto:sdp@unitar.org)
3. After the celebration of each event, those participants who joined them will be receiving the respective video recording together with takeaway messages.

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## PROGRAM (TBC)

### Speakers



**Mr. Thiago Hérick de Sá**

Unit Head a.i., Age-friendly Environments Demographic Change and Healthy Ageing Unit, Department of the Social Determinants of Health (HQ/SDH), World Health Organization (WHO)



**Mr. Ricardo Pla Cordero**

Protection Officer – Ageing and Disability Inclusion, Division of International Protection/ Community Based Protection Unit



**Mr. Nisreen Abudulaali Abdul Baqi**

International Trainer from the Publication and Education Department of the High Commission for Human Rights of Iraq



**Dr. Jody Heymann**

Department of Health and Management. Former dean of the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health from 2013-2018

### Moderator



**Mr. Alex Mejia**

Director, Division for People and Social Inclusion  
UNITAR

### Keynote speaker



**Ms. Tlaleng Mofokeng**

Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health

### Analysis on the legal gaps at international level on access to health for older persons



**Dr. Michael Ashley Stein**

Co-founder and Executive Director of the Harvard Law School Project on Disability, Visiting Professor at Harvard Law School





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