



## Confronting ageism and empowering older people to ensure social, economic and political inclusion of all

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The Sustainable Development Goals recognise that development will only be sustainable if it is inclusive, leaving no one behind. Despite this, older people face widespread ageism and are often excluded from SDGs mechanisms and locked out of development by discriminatory laws, policies and attitudes in contexts such as employment, education, health services and beyond.

This event, organised by the Stakeholder Group on Ageing, will bring together a range of experts to examine how ageism and discrimination contribute to growing inequality, and how legal and policy frameworks are necessary for addressing older people's exclusion. It will explore the potential for positive impact for individuals, societies and economies if older people are empowered, ageism is combatted, and a new understanding of ageing is embedded across all generations.

### Programme

- Welcome by **Ms Daniela Bas**, Director, Division for Inclusive Social Development, DESA
- Moderation by **Mr. Paul Ladd**, Director of UNRISD

### Panellists

- **Ms. Ashton Applewhite**, author of *This Chair Rocks: A Manifesto Against Ageism*
- **Mr. Elie Mugabowishema**, Executive Director and founder of NSINDAGIZA in Rwanda
- **Ms. Karoline Schmid**, Chief of the Fertility and Family Planning Section of the UNDESA Population Division
- **Mr. Octavio Vergara Andueza**, National Director, National Agency for Older Persons, Chile (tbc)
- **Ms. Moana Genevey**, Equinet, European Network of Equality Bodies

Close by **Ms. Erica Dhar**, SGA co-chair

**Please RSVP [here](#).** Registration is open to all with UN passes during the HLPF. For further information, please contact [mariana.rudge@helpage.org](mailto:mariana.rudge@helpage.org)