

Program Outline

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS
Addressing the Challenges and Opportunities of Ageing:
Empowering Older Persons

October 4, 2007
UN Headquarters, Conference Room 2

9:00 am – Registration in lobby

10:00 am – 10:30am.

PLENARY

Opening Remarks: **Kiyotaka Akasaka**, Under Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, UN

Greetings: **Ban Ki-moon**, Secretary-General, UN

Srgjan Kerim, President, UN General Assembly

Florence Denmark, Chair, NGO Committee on Ageing, NY

10:30am – 11:15 am.

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Erasmó Lara-Peña, Ambassador Enriqueillo del Rosario Ceballos, Charge d'Affaires, Dominican Republic

Alexandre Sidorenko, UN Focal Point on Ageing, Department of Economics and Social Affairs, UN

Alexandre Kalache, Director, WHO Ageing and Life Course Programme

Helen R. Hamlin, former Chair, NGO Committee on Ageing, NY and Main Representative of the International Federation on Ageing to the UN

Response: **Julia T. Alvarez**, former Permanent Alternate Representative of the Dominican Republic to the UN

11:15am – 12:30pm

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Juan Antonio Yáñez-Barnuevo, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Spain to the UN

Robert Vos, Director, Development Policy and Analysis Division, Department of Economics and Social Affairs, UN

12:30 – 2:30pm

LUNCH BREAK

2:30 – 3:00pm.

CULTURAL PROGRAM

The United Nations Chorus

3:00 – 4:55pm.

GLOBAL NGO PANEL

IMPLEMENTING THE MADRID PLAN: REPORTS FROM THE 5 UN REGIONS

Moderator: **Johan Schölvinck.**, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, UN Department of Economics and Social Affairs

Abul Haseeb Khan., Director, Resource Integration Centre, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Ephraim Gathaiya, Chief Executive, HelpAge Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya

Elisa Dulcey-Ruiz., Colombian correspondent, Latin America Gerontology Network, Bogotá, Colombia

Dirk Jarré, International Cooperation Office, European Federation of Older Persons (EURAG), Kronberg im Taunus, Germany

Nabil Naja, Head, Department of Geriatrics, Dar Alajaza Al-islamia Hospital, Beirut, Lebanon

IMPLEMENTING THE MADRID PLAN: HOLDING GOVERNMENTS ACCOUNTABLE

Richard Blewitt, Chief Executive, HelpAge International, “Age Demands Action”

Questions and Answers

4:55 – 5:00 pm

Closing remarks: **Florence Denmark**, Chair, NGO Committee on Ageing, NY

You are encouraged to remain for a brief program after the close of the IDOP for the launching of the WHO Age-friendly Cities Guide by Dr. Alexandre Kalache, Director, WHO Ageing and Life Course Programme and Joy Phumaphi, World Bank Vice President and Network Head, Human Development. Please join us in celebrating this new exciting venture which is based on a WHO study conducted in 35 cities in 22 countries.