

2017 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
Understand and End Financial Exploitation of Older People
A Human Rights Issue

United Nations Headquarters, New York, 16 June 2017



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Opening Session

Welcome **H.E. Ambassador Martín García Moritán**, Permanent Representative of the Mission of Argentina to the United Nations on behalf of the Group of Friends of Older Persons

Panel Discussion

Impact of Culture on Financial Exploitation of Older Persons:
A global review of material abuse and violence

Panel Members

Ms. Marie Beaulieu, Professor and Research Chair on Mistreatment of Older Adults, University of Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada (via video)
[Financial exploitation of older adults: emerging issue: practice in not for profits](#)

Ms. Sucheta Dalal, Founder-Trustee of Moneylife Foundation, India (via video)
[Launch of “white paper – retirement township” 2017: exploitation, intimidation and abuse](#)

Ms. Natasa Todorovic, Red Cross of Serbia (via video)
[Financial exploitation of older women](#)

Ms. Susanne Bleiberg Seperson, Sub-committee on Migration, NGO Committee on Ageing in New York
[Generations united: exploitation within remittances](#)

Ms. Susan Somers, International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA)
[Land grabbing and violent practices against older men and women including widows](#)

Promising Practices

Mr. Christopher Widelo, AARP BankSafe Initiative, United States
[Empowering financial institutions to protect consumers from financial exploitation and keep retirement savings safe](#)

Resources: United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women
[Recipient of UN Trust Fund grant \(2014\) on project to end harmful customary widowhood practices in Togo](#)

Financial Exploitation and Human Rights

Mr. Christian Courtis, Agenda 2030 and Human Rights Advisor, OHCHR

- [Impact of financial exploitation on human rights of older persons – moving forward to the 8th session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing](#)
- [Statement of the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons](#)

Questions and open floor discussion

Closing