



**Expert Group Meeting on
“Care and Older Persons:
Links to Decent Work, Migration and Gender”**

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Provisional List of Participants

Session I: Care for older persons: models, quality and trends



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Anne Margriet Pot joined the WHO in 2014 and works with both the Department of Ageing and Life Course and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse. Her areas or speciality are dementia, ageing and long-term care. She contributed to the development of the World report on ageing and health and is involved in the development and evaluation of iSupport, a global e-health portal for caregivers of people with dementia.

Ms. Pot has worked for the past 30 years in the Netherlands on improving the mental health of older people through research, (post) graduate education and clinical practice.

From 2007, Anne Margriet has been Professor of Clinical Geropsychology at the Department of Clinical Psychology at the Vrije Universiteit and Honorary Professor since 2013 at the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland in Australia. She was the Head of the Programme on Ageing of the Netherlands Institute on Mental Health and Addiction (Trimbos-institute) in Utrecht between 2004 and 2014. She served for 10 years on the Executive Board of the International Psychogeriatric Association (IPA) and has been a regular guest speaker at international conferences.



Isabella Aboderin

Head of Aging and Development Program
African Population and Health Research Center, Kenya

Isabella was instrumental in the establishment of AFRAN during the period when she was Senior Research Fellow at the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing at the University of Oxford. Before which she worked as a Technical Officer on the WHO Ageing and Life Course Programme; a research associate at the International Institute of Health and Ageing, University of Bristol and as a research consultant on projects for the WHO, DFID, IDPM and the Commonwealth Foundation.

Currently, Isabella is the Regional Chair for Africa of the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG), Advisory Board member of the World Demographic and Aging Forum (WDA), Member of the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on Aging Societies, and Board Member of HelpAge International. She also serves on the African Commission on Human and People’s Rights Working Group on the Rights of Older Persons in Africa.

Session II: Unpaid care work



Shahra Razavi

Chief, Research and Data,
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Shahra Razavi joined UN Women as Chief, Research and Data, at the end of June 2013. Previously she was Research Co-ordinator at UNRISD from 1993 to 2013. Shahra specializes in the gender dimensions of social development, with a particular focus on livelihoods and social policies.

At UNRISD, she led research projects on gender, including Gender, Poverty and Well-Being; Agrarian Change, Gender and Land Rights; Globalization, Export-Oriented Employment for Women and Social Policy; and work on Gender Justice, Development and Rights which was carried out as part of the Institute's contribution to the Beijing Plus 5 Review Process (2000). She coordinated the preparation of the UNRISD flagship report, Gender Equality: Striving for Justice in an Unequal World (2005). Her most recent research projects have been on The Political and Social Economy of Care, and Religion, Politics and Gender Equality.



Shahra is currently serving on the editorial boards of the Journal of Peasant Studies, Global Social Policy, and Development in Practice. She is also a member of Scientific Committee of Comparative Research Programme on Poverty (CROP); the International Advisory Committee of the Social Protection Programme, Women in Informal Economy Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO); and International Member of Selection Committee, King Baudouin Foundation.



Peter Lloyd-Sherlock

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Unpaid family care for older people in low- and middle-income countries

Peter Lloyd-Sherlock is Professor of Social Policy and International Development at the University of East Anglia and Visiting Professor at Cornell University. His research focus is on low- and middle-income countries. He is currently leading projects on health interventions for older people in Ghana and South Africa and on long-term care in Argentina. He has had senior secondments to the World Health Organisation and the UK Government Department for International Development and has produced reports on long-term care for UN Women, the World Bank and WHO.

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Claudia Vinay

Policy Specialist, Gender Team,
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Claudia Vinay is a Policy Specialist at the UNDP focusing on employment and social protection, conditional cash transfer programmes and gender in the context of economic crises and taxation. Prior to her current role she was a Project Officer at the UNDP working on fiscal space, fiscal decentralization, food crises, gender and taxation. Before joining the UNDP Ms. Vinay consulted for the World Bank, conducting research on gender



equality in Latin America. She has been a research fellow at the IDB, a Fulbright fellow at the UN, a researcher at the Open Society Institute and worked at several public sector organizations in Mexico.

Session III: Care and decent work



Ida Le Blanc

General Secretary,
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As General Secretary of the National Union of Domestic Employees (NUDE) in Trinidad and Tobago, Ms. Le Blanc represents domestic and other low-wage workers, particularly women, at the grassroots level. She also represents such individuals on issues such as wrongful dismissals, retrenchment, maternity protection violations, and violations of minimum wage requirements in courts and at the ministerial level. She coordinates worker education on existing labor legislation and develops advocacy strategies to improve the terms and conditions of contracts and reform labor legislation. Her organization's relentless lobbying has led to substantial improvements in the laws covering domestic work.



Borja Arrue Astrain

Project and Policy Officer,
AGE Platform Europe

As a project and policy officer, Borja is responsible for AGE's policy advocacy and work on access to quality long-term care and the fight against elder abuse, and he coordinates the respective Task Force on Dignified Ageing. He also works on a number of European projects on long term care, integrated care and demographic change. He is responsible for project management, awareness raising among AGE members and the elaboration of policy recommendations, among other things. Borja Arrue Astrain gained experience in social policy at the European Social Observatory (OSE) and the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion of the European Commission. He joined AGE in 2014.



Thelma Kay
Independent expert

Ms. Thelma Kay is the former Chief of the Social Development Division of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP), where she covered the United Nation's global and regional mandates on population and development, gender equality, ageing, and disability. She is also the former Senior Advisor on Ageing Issues, Ministry of Social and Family Development, Singapore. She currently serves as advisor and consultant to governments and international organizations on social development issues. She has worked with governments on national action plans of ageing, programmes on social protection and care, age-friendly cities and active ageing.

Previously she was a faculty member at the Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore. Ms. Kay has been a speaker/panelist at national, regional and global events organized by the Asian Development Bank, ASEAN, AARP, the International Federation on Ageing, HelpAge International, various United Nations entities and private sector events. She served on the board of the United Nations International Institute for Ageing, Programme for Asia. She is also a council member of the Active Ageing Consortium for Asia-Pacific.

Session IV: Care work and migration



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Elderly care work and migration: East and Southeast Asian contexts

Ito Peng, Ph.D. is a Professor of Sociology and Public Policy, and Canada Research Chair in Global Social Policy at the Department of Sociology, and the School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Toronto. She has written extensively on family, gender and social policies, and social and political economy of care, in East Asia. She currently leads a large international partnership research project entitled Gender, Migration, and the Work of Care funded by Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. The project brings together over 50 researchers and non-academic partners to examine how the



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Central and Eastern European countries in the migrant care chain

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Sawsan Abdulrahim, PhD, is Associate Professor and Chair in the Department of Health Promotion and Community Health at the Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut. Abdulrahim's research focuses on the impact of socioeconomic inequalities and the social gradient on health, and cultural meanings of subjective health evaluations. Her recent research has turned to studying the perceptions of citizens towards refugees and migrant workers. She carries many years of experience in teaching health promotion theory, global public health, and migration and health.