INDEPENDENCE, AUTONOMY AND RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS IN THE AFRICAN CONTEXT

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SIDE EVENT OBJECTIVES
- Facilitate multi-stakeholder conversations about the rights of older persons to independence and autonomy in Africa
- Enhance understandings of systemic drivers of older persons’ vulnerabilities in Africa and the effect on autonomy and independence
- Highlight the importance of legislative opportunities for empowering of older persons and strengthening their rights
- Galvanize support for the UN Convention on the Rights of Older persons

Chair: Mrs. Ifeoma N. Anagbogu
Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development, Federal Republic of Nigeria

13:20—13:32 High Level Opening Remarks
(2min each)
H.E. Mr. Omar Hilale
Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the UN
H.E. Mr. Jerry Mathews Matjila
Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa to the UN
H.E. Mr. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Nigeria to the UN
H.E. Mr. Ali Alifei Moustapha
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Chad to the UN
H.E. Mr. Martin Garcia Moritan
Permanent Representative of the Argentina to the UN
Mr. Rio Hada
Team Leader, Economic Social and Cultural Rights, UN Office OHCHR

Moderated by Dr. Jane Barratt, Secretary General, IFA

13:32—13:35 Overview of SGA Africa Regional and Global Engagements and Implications for Inclusion
Ms. Amal Abou Rafeh
Chief, Programme on Ageing Unit, Social Inclusion and Participation Branch, UN DESA

13:35—13:40 Practical Experiences to Barriers to Rights to Independence and Autonomy
Ms. Bertha Elias Kijo
Facilitator, Good Samaritan Services Active Healthy Women’s Group, Tanzania

Dr. Emem Omokaro
Executive Director, Dave Omokaro Foundation (DOF)
Co-chair, Stakeholder Group on Ageing (SGA) Africa

13:47—14:25 Open Moderated Dialogue:
Innovations to Challenge Systemic Discrimination Including Legal Remedies
Q & A

14:25—14:30 Closing
Dr. Jane Barratt
Secretary General, International Federation on Ageing (IFA)

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