



# PRIORITIZING THE RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS FOR DECENT WORK, PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT, AND FULL PARTICIPATION IN SOCIETY

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Older people face disadvantages that limit their full participation in society, including participating in labour markets, accessing social protection, achieving economic security, and recognition of informal work. With rapidly ageing populations across the globe, these challenges affect the whole-of-society and must be addressed to meet targets outlined in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) and respond to setbacks brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. Amid the United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing, older people must be prioritized in global recovery actions. This side event will highlight the unique barriers faced by older persons in accessing full and productive employment and calls for the protection of the rights of older persons, required to meet the objectives of MIPAA and the SDGs.

## OPENING WELCOME REMARKS

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## INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

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## SETTING THE SCENE

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## RESPONSE FROM REGIONAL COMMISSIONS

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## RESPONDENT

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*Good practice: The impact of the "Interamerican Convention on Protecting the Human Rights of Older Persons" on the right to work of older persons*



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