UNECE REGIONAL FORUM OF RESEARCHERS AND PRACTITIONERS ON AGEING

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Aula der Wissenschaften
Wollzeile 27, 1010, Vienna, Austria

PROGRAMME
08:30 – 09:00  Registration of participants and coffee/tea

09:00 – 09:40 - JOINT OPENING OF THE NGO FORUM AND THE FORUM OF RESEARCHERS AND PRACTITIONERS

Opening speeches:

- **Mr. Rudolf Hundstorfer**, Federal Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Austria
- **Prof. Dr. Karlheinz Töchterle** Federal Minister of Science and Research, Austria
- **Ms. Lidia Bratanova** Director, Statistics Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- **Mr. Ralf Jacob** Head of Unit, Active Ageing, Pensions, Healthcare, Social Services; Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion; European Commission

10:00 – 10:30 - MORNING PLENARY SESSION

**Chair**  **Prof. Helmut Kramer**
President, Austrian Interdisciplinary Platform on Ageing/ÖPIA, Austria
Regional Cooperation in Supporting Evidence-informed Policies on Ageing

**Ms. Lidia Bratanova**
Director, Statistics Division, UNECE
Priority Directions of Research on Ageing in Europe

**Prof. Vladimir Khavinson**
President, European Branch, International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics

Description of Day’s Programme and Proceedings

**Prof. Asghar Zaidi**
European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Vienna and University of Southampton, UK

10:30 – 11:00  Coffee Break
11:00 – 13:00 - MORNING PARALLEL SESSIONS OF PANEL DISCUSSIONS

11:00 – 13:00  FIRST PARALLEL SESSION: HARMONIZING POPULATION AGEING WITH ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. WHICH APPROACHES WORK?

**Moderator**  Dr. Hans Groth  
Chairman of the Board, World Demographic and Ageing Forum

**Rapporteur**  Dr. Nikolai Botev  
Director, Sub-Regional Office, UNFPA, Almaty

**Keynote speaker**  Prof. Jane Falkingham  
Professor of Demography and International Social Policy, University of Southampton, UK

**Panellists**  
Prof. Ella Libanova  
Director, Institute for Demography and Social Studies, Ukraine

Prof. Wolfgang Lutz  
Founding Director of the Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital, Austria

Dr. Koen Vleminckx  
Counsellor General, Federal Public Service, Social Security, Belgium

12:00 – 13:00  Discussion from the Floor

**Contributors**  
Dr. Giovanni Lamura  
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SECOND PARALLEL SESSION: MEASURES FOR GUARANTEEING WELL-BEING IN OLD AGE AND THOSE FOR PROMOTING ACTIVE AGEING. HOW TO BALANCE THESE MEASURES?

Moderator
Mr. Robert Anderson
Chief, Living Conditions and Quality of Life Unit, the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, EU

Rapporteur
Mr. Ralf Jacob
Head of Unit, Active Ageing, Pensions, Healthcare, Social Services; Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion; European Commission

Keynote speaker
Prof. Bernd Marin
Director, European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Vienna

Panellists
Prof. Rocío Fernández-Ballesteros
Director, University Programme for the Elderly, Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain

Dr. Francesco Marcaletti
Coordinator of the European Social Fund project “Active Ageing Lab Net”, Italy

Ms. Anne-Sophie Parent
Secretary General, AGE-Platform Europe

Dr. Katharina Pils
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12:00 – 13:00 Discussion from the Floor

Contributors
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Dr. Manfred Huber
Coordinator, Healthy Ageing, Disability and Long-term Care WHO Regional Office for Europe

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break
14:00 – 16:00 - AFTERNOON PARALLEL SESSIONS OF PANEL DISCUSSIONS

14:00 – 16:00  THIRD PARALLEL SESSION: PROMOTING AND STRENGTHENING SOLIDARITY BETWEEN GENERATIONS AS A KEY ELEMENT OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE UNECE REGION. WHAT ARE THE MAJOR AREAS OF RESEARCH INQUIRY

Moderator  Prof. Marja Vaarama  
Assistant Director General, National Institute for Health and Welfare, Finland

Rapporteur  Mr. Christian Wehrmann  
Joint Programming Initiative “More Years, Better Lives - The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change”, Germany

Keynote speaker  Mr. Dalmer Hoskins  
Director, Division of Program Studies, US Social Security Administration, USA

Panellists  Prof. Dr. Aart C. Liefbroer  
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Prof. Eric Schmitt  
Deputy Director, Institute of Gerontology, University of Heidelberg, Germany

Dr. Oksana V. Sinyavskaya  
Deputy Director, Independent Institute for Social Policy, Russian Federation

15:00 – 16:00  Discussion from the Floor

Contributors  Prof. Helmut Kramer  
President, Austrian Interdisciplinary Platform on Ageing/ÖPIA, Austria
14:00 – 16:00  FOURTH PARALLEL SESSION: PROMOTING PARTICIPATION AND GUARANTEEING NON-DISCRIMINATION OF OLDER PERSONS. HOW TO ENSURE SOCIAL INCLUSION OF OLDER PERSONS IN THE UNECE COUNTRIES?

*Moderator*  
**Prof. Joseph Troisi**  
Director, International Institute on Ageing, United Nations-Malta

*Rapporteur*  
**Dr. Jean-Philippe Viriot Durandal**  
Université de Franche-Comté, France

*Keynote speaker*  
**Prof. Ariela Lowenstein**  
Head, the Center for Research & Study of Ageing, University of Haifa, Israel

*Panellists*  
**Ms. Ludovica Banfi**  
Programme Manager, Social Research, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, Austria

**Mr. Oscar Franklin**  
International Programme Manager, HelpAge International

**Dr. Robert Gal**  
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15:00 – 16:00  *Discussion from the Floor*

*Contributors*  
**Prof. Franz Kolland**  
Board Member of ÖPIA, Austria

16:00 – 16:30  *Coffee Break*

(This coffee break will be used for consolidating the recommendations of the panel discussions into the concluding document by the Forum’s bureau).
16:30 – 18:00 - AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSION

Chair
Dr. Alexandre Sidorenko
Coordinator, Research Forum

16:30 – 17:10
Concluding statements by rapporteurs of four parallel sessions

17:10 – 18:00
Presentation of the draft concluding statement (viz. The Forum’s Statement)

Prof. Asghar Zaidi
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Discussion from the floor towards finalisation of the Forum’s Statement, to be presented during the Ministerial Segment

Closing