Fourth Regional Intergovernmental Conference
on Ageing and the Rights of Older Persons
in Latin America and the Caribbean

Asunción, 27-30 June 2017

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 27 June

10.30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Registration of participants

6 p.m. Opening session

(Salón Cristal)

• María Teresa Barán, Vice-Minister of Public Health of Paraguay
• Antonio Prado, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
• Antonio Barrios, Minister of Public Health and Social Welfare of Paraguay

Wednesday, 28 June

(Salón Imperio)

8 – 9 a.m. Registration of participants

8.30 – 9 a.m. Meeting of heads of delegation

9 – 9.15 a.m. Election of officers and adoption of the agenda

9.15 – 10 a.m. Report by the secretariat on the implementation of the San José Charter on the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean

• Paulo Saad, Chief of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC
• Francis Jones, Population Affairs Officer of the Statistics and Social Development Unit of the ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean
10 – 10.15 a.m. Discussion
10.15 – 10.45 a.m. Coffee break
10.45 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Statements by delegations
12.30 – 2 p.m. Break
2 – 4 p.m. Statements by delegations (continued)
4 – 4.30 p.m. Coffee break
4.30 – 6 p.m. Dialogue with civil society on the implementation of the San José Charter on the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean
• Presentation by Rosita Kornfeld, Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons

Thursday, 29 June

9 a.m. – 5.30 p.m. Thematic panel discussions on ageing and the rights of older persons in Latin America and the Caribbean

9 – 10 a.m. Panel 1: The value and importance of the Inter-American Convention on Protecting the Human Rights of Older Persons

Moderator: Guillermo Acuña, Legal Assistant of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Panellists:
• Valentina Perrotta, Director of the Division for Empowerment and Studies on Ageing and Old Age of the National Institute for Older Persons of Uruguay
• Susana Rubinstein, National Director for Policies for Older Persons of the National Secretariat for Children, Young Persons and the Family of the Ministry of Social Development of Argentina
• Nehemías Vidal Serrano, Head of the Older Persons Unit of the Vice-Ministry of Equal Opportunity of the Ministry of Justice and Institutional Transparency of the Plurinational State of Bolivia
• Zulema Villalta, Chair of the Governing Board of the National Council for Older Persons (CONAPAM) of Costa Rica

10 – 10.30 a.m. Discussion
10.30 – 11 a.m. Coffee break
Panel 2: Older persons’ autonomy and independence in old age

Moderator: Enrique Peláez, Regional Advisor on Demographic Analysis, Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC

Panellists:
- Enrique Vega, Regional Advisor on Aging and Health of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)
- Elizabeth Lewis, Director of the Human Services Department of the Ministry of Health and Wellness of Saint Lucia
- Verónica Montes de Oca, President of the Latin American Population Association (ALAP)
- Rafael Rofman, World Bank Program Leader for Education, Health, Social Protection and Labor, and Poverty, covering Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay

Noon – 12.30 p.m. Discussion

12.30 – 2 p.m. Break

2 – 3 p.m. Panel 3: The multiple forms of discrimination that affect older persons and their economic, social and political inclusion

Moderator: Jorge del Campo, Chair of the Coordinating Committee for the Rights of Older Persons of Chile

Panellists:
- Rubén Valenzuela, Director of the National Service for Older Adults (SENAMA) of Chile
- Tania María Abdo Rocholl, member of the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations
- Bahij Amin Aur, Vice-Chair of the National Council for the Rights of the Older Persons (CNDI) of Brazil
- Clara Rolón de Beraud, Director of the Human Rights Directorate of the Office of the Attorney General of Paraguay

3 – 3.30 p.m. Discussion

3.30 – 4 p.m. Coffee break
4 – 5 p.m.  
**Panel 4: The care needs of older persons in the context of solidarity and interdependence**

Moderator: Jorge Rodríguez Vignoli, Senior Research Assistant of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC

Panellists:
- Alberto Fernández, Director of the National Care Programme for Older Adults of the Ministry of Public Health of Cuba
- Tania Pastrana, President of the Latin American Association of Palliative Care (ALCP)
- Carmen del Pilar Estela Benavides, Director General of the Family and the Community and Director II of the Older Persons Department of the Ministry for Women’s Affairs and Vulnerable Populations of Peru
- Ix-Chel Poot, Executive Director of the National Council on Ageing of Belize

5 – 5.30 p.m.  
Discussion

**Friday, 30 June**

9 – 10.30 a.m.  
Building inclusive societies: Ageing with dignity and rights

National event organized by the Government of Paraguay

10.30 – 11 a.m.  
Coffee break

11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.  
Round table “Contribution of institutions for older persons to the protection of human rights and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”

Moderator: Sandra Huenchuan, Senior Research Assistant of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC

Panellists:
- Emiliana Rivera, Executive Director of the National Council for Older Persons (CONAPAM) of Costa Rica
- Patricia Chemor, Secretary-General of the National Council for Population (CONAPO) of Mexico, in her capacity as Chair of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Pablo Salazar Canelos, Regional Advisor on Population and Development issues of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA LACRO)
- Christian Courtis, Human Rights Officer, Sustainable Development Goals Section, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
- Marcelo Scappini, Director-General for Human Rights of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay
- Luis Fidel Yáñez, Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

12.30 – 12.45 p.m. Consideration and adoption of agreements
12.45 – 1 p.m. Other matters
1 p.m. Closing ceremony