

# PANELLISTS' BIO



**Open-ended Working Group on Ageing**  
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## Panel 1

***Promotion and protection of the human rights and dignity of older persons: contributions from the second global review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002***



### **Markus Windegger**

*Austrian Ministry of Labour, Social Affaires and Consumer Protection*

Markus Windegger is a civil servant at the Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affaires and Consumer Protection in Austria.

Previously, he was the Adviser of the European Union Council Presidency to the United Nations in New York.

Mr. Windegger is a graduate of the College of Europe in Natolin, Leopold-Franzens Universität Innsbruck / University of Innsbruck.



### **Chonvipat Changtrakul**

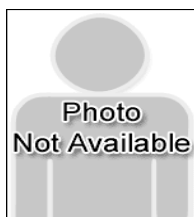
*First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations*

Ms. Changtrakul is a Thai national, born in 1979.

She is a First Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Thailand and oversees the portfolios concerning human rights and social issues.

Ms. Changtrakul joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2003. During her tenure at the Ministry in Bangkok, she worked at the Department of ASEAN Affairs and Department of International Organizations.

She read BSc. Management at LSE and MA. International Political Economy at Birmingham University.



### **Fernando Morales**

*Presidential Delegate on the theme of Ageing and Chairman of the National Commission on Ageing (CONAPAM), Costa Rica*

## **Panel 2**

### ***Update on Multilateral Processes***



#### **Yeung Kam John YEUNG SIK YUEN**

*Chief Justice and Commissioner of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights*

Chief Justice Yeung Sik Yuen was born in Curepipe, Mauritius. Married, three children

He studied at St Joseph's College in Curepipe, obtained an LL.B Degree from the University of Leeds in 1969, and was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1970. From 1970 to 1972, he read French Law at the Université de Paris II, Panthéon, and then joined the then Crown Law Office in Port Louis in December 1972 as Crown Counsel.

Mr. Yeung Sik Yeun joined the Magistracy in 1976 and served in all posts, as well as Rodrigues and Agaléga. He was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court in 1989 and Senior Puisne Judge in 1995. In June 2007, he was appointed as Chief Justice of Mauritius. He is the holder of the insignia of the Grand Order of the Star and Key (G.O.S.K).

Mr. Yeung Sik Yeun served from 1998 to 2002 on the Sub-Commission for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights of the United Nations (OHCHR) in Geneva.

Since 2007, Mr. Yeung Sik Yeun serves as a Commissioner of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights. In 2007, he was admitted to the Honorary Freedom of the City of Port Louis (the capital city) and to the Honorary Freedom of the City of Curepipe (his hometown).

Mr. Yeung Sik Yeun is a member of the Lions Club of Port Louis and sits on the Board of Governors of St Joseph's College. He was made a Honorary Benchler of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple in March 2009 and received a similar accolade from the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn in October 2009.

In April 2011, the Chief Justice received the Award of the Distinguished Lawyer of the World Jurist Association.



#### **Nicola Daniele Cangemi**

*Head of the Human Rights Law and Policy Division at the Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe*

Born in Messina, Italy, on 6 December 1972. Married, two children.

Mr Cangemi is Head of the Human Rights Law and Policy Division at the Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe, where he has been working since 2001. He holds a degree in Political Science from the LUISS University, Rome, and a Master's degree from the College of Europe, Bruges. Before entering the Council of Europe, he worked for a law firm in Brussels and for the Italian Ministry of industry.

In his current functions at the Council of Europe, he is responsible for the intergovernmental work on the development of human rights, and for the relations with other international organisations in the human rights field.

He has been the secretary of the expert committees which elaborated Committee of Ministers recommendations for the protection of the human rights of vulnerable categories, such as the members of armed forces and LGBT persons, and guidelines for the fight against impunity for serious human rights violations, and of the working party which elaborated the draft legal instruments for the accession of the EU to the European Convention on Human Rights. His Division is currently in charge of the elaboration of a new legal instrument on the promotion and protection of the rights of older persons.



### **Ana Marcela Pastorino**

*Chairperson, Organization of the American States (OAS)  
Working Group on the Human Rights of Older Persons  
(Argentina)*

Ana Pastorino is an attorney. She received her law degree at the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences of the University of Buenos Aires. She also has a Masters in Law from Università degli Studi di Catania, Italy and Université Paris, 1 Pantheon Sorbonne, France.

Ms. Pastorino is a member of the Foreign Service of the Nation of Argentina. She is currently part of the Argentinean Mission before the Organization of American States, in Washington DC. In this respect, she is the Chairpersons of the OAS Working Group on the Human Rights of Older Persons

## **Panel 3**

### ***Social Security and the Right to Health***



### **Kasia Jurczak**

*Policy Analyst, European Commission*

Kasia Jurczak works as a Policy Analyst in the Social Protection Unit of the European Commission's Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion. She is part of the team responsible for policy development in the areas of Health and Long-term care, as well as for follow-up to the European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations (2012).

Prior to joining the European Commission in August 2012, she worked at the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) in Vienna, where, as Programme Manager, she coordinated work on disability rights, focusing on independent living, accessibility and disability mainstreaming. She also oversaw the process of establishing the Agency as the UN CRPD Article 33 monitoring body at the EU level.

Ms. Jurczak previously worked for Eurofound, a Dublin-based EU agency, as a Research Officer on working conditions and social dialogue and for EuroHealthNet, a network of public health agencies, coordinating projects on health inequalities, social exclusion and public health capacity building in Central and Eastern Europe. She also consulted for the UNDP and the OSCE in the areas of social development and democratisation. Kasia studied Social Policy with Social Psychology at the London School of Economics and Political Science (BSc) in the UK and Comparative Social Policy at the Catholic University of Leuven (MA) in Belgium.



## **Kathleen Foley**

*Advisory Board Member, Open Society Foundation*

Dr. Kathleen Foley is the medical director of the International Palliative Care Initiative of the Open Society Public Health Program, working to advance palliative care globally. Dr. Foley has focused her career on the assessment and treatment of patients with cancer pain. With her colleagues, she has developed scientific guidelines for the use of analgesic drug therapy through clinic pharmacologic studies of opioid drugs.

She is an attending neurologist in the Pain & Palliative Care Service at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City and is also professor of neurology, neuroscience, and clinical pharmacology at Weill Medical College of Cornell University, and previous director of the WHO Collaborating Center for Cancer Pain Research and Education at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Dr. Foley holds the Chair of the Society of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Pain Research. She was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences for her national and international efforts in the treatment of patients with cancer pain. She is the past director of the Open Society Foundations Project on Death in America, whose goal was to transform the culture of dying in the United States through initiatives in research, scholarship, and clinical care.

She received the Distinguished Service Award and the Humanitarian Award from the American Cancer Society, the David Karnovsky Award from American Society of Clinical Oncology, and the Frank Netter Award from the American Academy of Neurology. She is a previous Rita Allen Scholar.

Dr. Foley chaired three expert committees that resulted in the publication of the three WHO monographs on Cancer Pain and Palliative Care: "Cancer Pain Relief", "Cancer Pain Relief and Palliative Care", and "Cancer Pain and Palliative Care in Children"



## **Hasmy Bin Agam**

*Chairman, Human Rights Commission of Malaysia*

Mr. Agam studied at the English University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur, where he received his BA with honours. He then completed his MA in International Relations at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Tufts University, Massachusetts.

Mr. Agam was first appointed as Chairman of the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) in May 2010. He was re-appointed in May 2013 for a second three-year term.

He served as a Diplomat from 1968-2010 in several countries and undertook several positions including Ambassador to Libya with concurrent accreditation to Malta; Ambassador to France, concurrently to Portugal; Permanent Representative to The United Nations in New York; Ambassador-At-Large for Non-Aligned (NAM) Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia; and Executive Chairman, Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations, Malaysia.



## **Alejandro Bonilla García**

*Director of Social Protection Department, Policy Portfolio ILO*

Mr. Bonilla holds a Degree in Actuarial Sciences (Mexico); a Masters Degree in Mathematics Applied to Economics (France) and a PhD in Economic Policy and Regional Development (France).

He is currently the Director of Social Protection Department, Policy Portfolio at the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva.

Prior to this position, Mr. Bonilla had joined the Financial and Actuarial Branch of the Social Security Department of the ILO in 1990 as Senior Actuary. From 1994 to 1997, he held a position of Senior Social Security Expert in the ILO's Multi-disciplinary Team for Central America and Panama in San Jose, Costa Rica before he was appointed Deputy Regional Director at the ILO Regional Office for the Americas in Lima, Peru.

Mr. Bonilla returned to ILO Headquarters in Geneva in 2000 and took the position as Policy and Research Coordinator. In 2005 he was promoted Chief of the Studies and Operations Branch of the International Social Security Association (ISSA) where he became Director of Partnerships in 2007.

In 2008, Mr. Bonilla served as Chief Technical Advisor for Capacity Building and Training on Actuarial Methods and Social Protection Financing for Latin America and the Caribbean (QUATRAIN-AMERICAS) of the ILO. In 2009, he was appointed Chief of Education, Training and Capacity Building on Social Security of the Social Security Department.

## **Panel 4**

### ***Discrimination and Access to Work***



#### **Eilionóir Flynn**

*Senior Research Fellow, National University of Ireland*

Ms. Flynn is the Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, National University of Ireland Galway.

She is a graduate of University College Cork (BCL, 2006 and PhD, 2010) and has been working at the Centre for Disability Law and Policy since 2009.

She was awarded an IRCHSS scholarship for her PhD thesis, which explored the potential of a right to advocacy to improve access to justice for people with disabilities and examined the implementation of this right in the domestic legal framework of Ireland and the Australian State of Victoria, using principles of international human rights law as a basis for reform. As part of her PhD research, she was an Honorary Visiting Fellow at La Trobe University, Melbourne, where she worked with Professor Lee Ann Basser and observed practice at the Office of the Public Advocate.

Ms. Flynn joined the CDLP for a project on National Disability Strategies, which key findings included a set of success factors to enhance the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities through national disability strategies. In 2011, she published a book based on this research entitled "From Rhetoric to Action: Implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities."

In 2011, Ms. Flynn was appointed Senior Research Fellow in CDLP with responsibilities for the Centre's research programme and activities such as research on legal capacity and supported decision making; independent living and individual budgets; financial independence, corporate culture and disability; and advocacy and access to justice.

Ms. Flynn is currently a member of the National Advocacy Service working group to develop a non-instructed advocacy policy, and is represented on the Regional Advisory Group for the Service (Region 5: West/North West). She is also a member of the Academic Network of European Disability experts Working Group to develop a monitoring tool for the European Union Disability Strategy 2010-2020.



#### **Israel (Issi) Doron**

*Head of Department of Gerontology, University of Haifa*

Mr. Doron received an LL.B. from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel, an LL.M. from Washington College of Law in Washington DC, and a Ph.D. from Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Mr. Doron is the Head of the Department of Gerontology at the University of Haifa, and the Past President of the Israeli Gerontological Society.

He specializes in the fields of law and ageing, social policy and ageing, ethics and ageism.

Mr. Doron has written extensively on topics such as law and ageing, and human rights of older persons (e.g. Doron, I. & Apter, I. 2010); and the Debate Around the Need for an International Convention on the Rights of Older Persons (the Gerontologist, 50(5), 586-593).

Mr. Doron is the editor of key books in the field such as "Theories on Law and Ageing: The Jurisprudence of Elder Law" (Springer, 2009); and "Beyond Elder Law: New Directions in Law and Ageing" (Springer, 2012; with Ann Soden).



## **Elizabeth Grossman**

*Regional Attorney, New York District Office of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission*

Elizabeth Grossman attended the University of Michigan and the University of Michigan Law School. She is Regional Attorney in the New York District Office of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, where she has worked, also as a Trial Attorney and Supervisory Trial Attorney, since 1993.

As Regional Attorney, Ms. Grossman is responsible for the Commission's litigation in the New York District which includes New York, Northern New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. The litigation docket of the New York District Office includes some of the Commission's largest class cases.

Ms. Grossman makes frequent presentations to bar associations, law schools, non-profit organizations and employers. She has also provided many interviews to national television, newspaper and radio press. She has served as a volunteer community mediator with both the Institute for Mediation and Conflict Resolution and the Brooklyn Mediation Center, affiliated with Victim's Services Association.

Ms. Grossman was named by the Wall Street Journal as one of fifty "Women to Watch" in 2004 and was awarded a 2005 Service to America Medal by the Partnership for Public Service and the Atlantic Media Company.