

**The Impact of COVID-19 on the Human Rights of Older Persons: An International Perspective**  
**United Nations Open Ended Working Group on Aging 11 - Side Event**  
**International Longevity Centre Canada**

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a horrendous impact on older people across the globe. The flagrant violation of human right of older persons is exemplified by, but not limited to, skyrocketing cases of elder abuse, the loss of the right to health, the loss of social protections, the loss of autonomy and the horrific death rates in Long Term Care. The International Longevity Centre of Canada is hosting a side event with eminent aging experts and United Nations Ambassadors to discuss the issue and to look for meaningful responses to protect the human rights of older persons and to ensure that what we have seen in the pandemic never happens again.

The following is the list of eminent speakers:

Ms. Margaret Gillis, President, International Longevity Centre Canada.

H.E. Maria del Carmen Squeff, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations, New York.

H.E. Alex Omar Hilale, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations, New York.

Dr. Alex Kalache, President International Longevity Centre Brazil.

H.E. Bob Rae, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, New York.

The Honourable Patricia Bovey, Senate of Canada.

Dr. Ann Collins, President, Canadian Medical Association.

Dr. Claudia Mahler, United Nations Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of Human Rights of Older Persons.

Dr. Kiran Rabheru, Chair International Longevity Centre Canada and Chair, Steering Committee, Global Alliance on the Rights of Older Persons