

**Ninth Session of the Open-Ended Working Group on Aging****Side Event Proposal July 24, 2018 1:15 to 2:30**

*The Right to be My Older Self: A North-South Discussion of Long-Term and Palliative Care, Autonomy, and Independence*

Moderator

1:15 to 1:20 Margaret Gillis, President, International Longevity Centre Canada

PanelistsLong-term Care and Palliative Care

1:20 to 1:25 Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations- Mr. Marc-Andre Blanchard welcome remarks (invited)

1:25 to 1:35 Dr. Laurent Marcoux, M.D., President, Canadian Medical Association

1:35 to 1:45 Dr. Alexandre Kalache, President, International Longevity Centre - Global Alliance (ILC-GA)

Autonomy and Independence

1:45 to 1:55 Dr. Martine Lagacé, Associate Professor, uOttawa Faculty of Arts

1:55 to 2:05 Ms. Verene Nyirabalinda, Help Age International, Rwanda (invited)

Questions and Answers Moderator

2:05 to 2: 25 Dr. Kiran Rabheru, Chair, Board of Directors, International Longevity Centre Canada.

Closing/Thank You

2:25 to 2:30 Dr. Linda Garcia –Director LIFE Research Institute

This side event, hosted by ILC Canada and the LIFE Research Institute University of Ottawa, and sponsored by the Canadian Medical Association, FADOQ, Home Instead, and the Government of Canada, will be a North-South discussion of the focus issues of the Ninth OEWG Session by considering the availability, quality, and sustainability of long-term care and palliative care systems, and older persons' rights to autonomy and independence.

Beyond detailing the current state and growing need for long-term, palliative, and other health care services the session will examine what we mean by autonomy and independence, concepts which, while differing depending on social, cultural and economic contexts, are also universal in that how they are manifested. Globally, the conceptions of autonomy and independence have a great impact on older persons' rights no matter where they live.

Dr. Marcoux and Dr. Kalache will discuss the availability and need for planning for long-term and palliative care in Canada and Brazil, respectively. Dr. Lagacé will provide a view of how autonomy and independence are impacted by ageism, are conceived of in western societies, and how this affects older persons' rights to these health care services. Dr. Linda Garcia will explore autonomy and independence for people with Dementia. Ms., yet to be confirmed will discuss conceptions of older persons' autonomy and independence in the Southern Hemisphere.

Dr. Rabheru will briefly summarize the panel discussion and direct questions from attendees to the panelists.

One objective of the session is to expand our conceptions of palliative and long-term care and autonomy and independence so that they are adequately addressed in a Convention on the Rights of Older Persons.

The Permanent Representative of Canada to the UN, Ambassador Marc-André Blanchard, or his representative, will deliver opening remarks.