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Oral Statement on behalf of the
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The International Federation on Ageing, a member of the Stakeholder Group on Ageing, seeks your attention to the tremendous opportunity to engage the world's ageing population in progress on Agenda 2030. Poverty is a major threat to the well-being of older persons globally. We need to ensure that today's nor future generations of older persons are left behind.

The full implementation of Agenda 2030 must include the means for older person to enjoy their independence, preserve their dignity, participate fully in society and uphold their rights. We need to focus on eliminating the silos of age groups and look at ways to work across generations. Here are some examples of older persons and younger persons working together on current issues here in the United States.

Generations United, an NGO, is helping a County in California to build an age-diverse network of volunteers and AmeriCorps members to participate in service projects benefiting homeless families.

Vendrendoras Foundation in Miami Florida is empowering immigrant women entrepreneurs of all ages by offering opportunities for cross-generational learning and collaboration

Mentor New York is fostering co-mentoring relationships between younger and older people to open doorways to economic freedom.

Working across generations offers a new way for civil society and the workplace to work together to address longer term sustainability issues of Agenda 2023.

A Scoping Review of Research on Older People and Intergenerational Relations in the Context of Climate Change (<https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnac028>) found both older and younger people are affected by age-based discrimination in the context of climate change. Generational differences in energy consumption and attitudes exist but can be overcome by stressing the solidarity between the generations .

We urge you to take a human rights based approach across the life course, leaving no one behind but insure all people, yes older persons also are included.

Thank you..