



**SGA statement for the 10-11.30 HLPF session Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 14, 2016**

**National mechanisms for monitoring progress and reporting on implementation for the achievement of SDGs.**

My name is Sylvia Beales and I am speaking on behalf of the Stakeholder Group on Ageing.

Accurate information taking in age, gender, disability, location, ethnicity and socio economic status is central to Leaving No One Behind.

In the past few days, we have heard that many member states have begun preparing to implement Agenda 2030 by inviting consultations with a wide variety of stakeholders, and by forming high- level committees consisting of appropriate government agencies.

Some civil society colleagues have noted that they have not yet been invited into these activities nor know whether they will have a part in inputting their evidence, designing or carrying out implementation practices.

Next week, we will be hearing from the first 22 member states who are presenting their voluntary reports on their efforts to implement Agenda 2030.

Including us as critical partners for information, evidence assessment and reporting is vital to support countries, statistical agencies and UN to make the right assessments of what needs to be done and for whom.

Integration of citizen generated evidence and data to the monitoring process will be essential to complement the statistical data which in many cases is not yet fit for purpose. Special efforts must be made to include those who are currently excluded.

In the case of older persons their numbers and issues are not visible due to data sets currently used, and now suggested to assess goal and target implementation, are either absent or have age cut offs of 49, 64 and 70.

Can the panel comment both on the means by which inadequate data sets can be corrected, and how citizens of all ages should be involved from the beginning to help supply data, plan and develop appropriate ways to improve the evidence needed to implement and report on implementation of the goals and targets of Agenda 2030, to fulfill the promise to Leave No One Behind.