COVID-19 and its impact on older people in low & middle-income countries (LMICs)

29 June 2021,
07:00-09:00 New York time EST,
13:00-15:00 Brussels CET,
19:00-21:00 Manila PST

1. Opening and welcome
   a. Welcome and “housekeeping” remarks (e.g. how and when to ask questions) from facilitators, John O’Toole, Inter-regional Adviser UNDESA and Ben Duncan (consultant)
   b. Welcome address from Daniela Bas, Director, UN Division for Inclusive Social Development

2. Are older people in LMICs bearing the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic? Professor Peter Lloyd-Sherlock, School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia, UK

3. WHO’s view of the global health impact of COVID-19 on older people, and how to strengthen care for older people. Dr Yuka Sumi, Medical Officer responsible for WHO Integrated Care of Older People (ICOPE) approach, Ageing and Health unit, WHO Headquarter, Geneva

4. Perspective from civil society: Older people, communities and COVID-19 in LMICs. Eduardo Klien, Regional Representative for Asia Pacific, HelpAge International


6. Understanding and mitigating the health impact of COVID-19 on older people: experiences from the Western Pacific. Dr Hiromasa Okayasu, Healthy Ageing Coordinator, WHO Western Pacific Region, Manila

7. View from the frontline: protecting older people from COVID-19 in the Philippines. Dr Beverly Ho Concurrent Director IV, Health Promotion Bureau and Disease Prevention and Control Bureau, Department of Health, The Philippines

8. Question and answer session

9. Concluding remarks and thanks