

***Why should you vote for me as INPEA's Vice President.***

1. I am a geriatrician with a strong background in investigation and research including research on abuse.
2. I served as President Dominican Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology. 1990-1992
3. I created and promoted of the Code of Rights of the Older Dominican 2008
4. I come from a developing country and as such I will bring in the knowledge of the challenges presented by social and economic implications that are different in the developed world.
5. The amount of older people that are heads of families specially women that having to raise grandchildren, are often subject to abuse, have to be dealt with in a different way.
6. We have been able to promote at Government level in our country, services to report abuse and assist victims of abuse, I would use my office to exchange this knowledge with other countries.
7. I have been an invited expert speaker at the United where I raised the rights of older persons in development. The most important thing was that it was the fifth meeting of the OEWG on SDGs and for the first time, the elderly were included in the discussion.
8. I strongly think INPEA's representatives must work to strengthen relationship with government offices as the only way to convert our actions into state policies.
9. As I speak more than one language, and I am familiar with numerous international players in the area of Elder Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation such as PAHO, the IAGG, and other, I can attend global symposiums in both the North and South, to ensure INPEA's interests are raised.
10. I would consider it an honor to serve INPEA and represent my Region in this way.

Thank you,

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### CONFERENCES:

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Lecture. Mount Sinai Hospital. NY October, 2001  
Health, Wealth and Ageing. 18<sup>th</sup> World Congress of  
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Status and Role of Women in an Ageing Society.

Pune. India. August, 2006

Human Rights in an Ageing World. London. 2007

**INVESTIGATIONS:**

Situation of the Older Adult in the Dominican Republic. PAHO. 2002

Incidence of Abuse and ill treatment in the older In 8 deprived communities of Santo Domingo. 2010

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## **ONE DAY INTERSESSIONAL MEETING BETWEEN MAJOR GROUPS AND OTHER STAKE HOLDERS AND THE OPEN WORKING GROUP ON SDGS. A GREAT EXPERIENCE**

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On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month was celebrated at the United Nations in New York the 5th intersessional Meeting on SDGs with the particularity that ageing was for the first time included. I think that the inclusion is due to the extraordinary amount of work that has been done by the different organizations that around the world work with and for older people and particularly those that have consultative status at the UN.

I was invited to the meeting as an expert on ageing representing the International Longevity Center Global Alliance and Help Age International and shared the panel with representatives from Children and Youth Mayor Groups, Workers Trade Union and LGBT but we were the first to speak and set the atmosphere.

Definitely it is about time that people realize that we are facing an Agequake, that by 2030 we will have more people over 60 than those under 15 and this fact should prompt governments to promote healthy ageing and empowerment of older people through the implementation of social policies that focus on health, income security and lifelong education.

As we were given 5 questions related to different goals, we took the opportunity to strengthen our alliances with the women's group and we were thanked by one of their representatives that was co-chairing the first panel.

### **THE QUESTIONS**

- Should there be a standalone goal on eliminating income inequalities?
- Should targets include affirmative action and quota for women, indigenous people and ethnic minorities?
- Should targets include all countries to improve their GINI coefficient?
- Should goals include the elimination of the gender pay gap?
- Is reducing extreme wealth important to eliminating inequalities?

As you can see none of the questions include older people specifically so we had to find the way to address the reality of older persons in every one of them stating that we will never be able to achieve development or eliminate poverty if we don't take into consideration how our world is ageing or think of older people especially older women because they are the poorest of the poor.

### **ELIMINATING INCOME INEQUALITIES A NEWLY PROPOSED GOAL**

We think it is practically impossible to eliminate income inequalities in a world with poor standards of education and unsecure employment so instead we should aim at reducing it through including all countries to improve their GINI coefficient because then we will be able to measure inequalities on income or wealth because there are countries like mine for instance that have had continuous economic growth for many years but one of the worst standards of distribution of wealth in Latin America and the Caribbean. Setting them a goal on the GINI coefficient, makes the governments accountable. We can also aim at reducing extreme wealth but we firmly believe that the best way to come out of poverty is through lifelong education for all.

### **STRENGTHENING ALLIANCES WITH MEMBER STATES**

It is important to make alliances with the governments because at the end they are the ones to make the final decision so we approached the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic reminding them of the years our country, under the leadership of Ambassador Julia Alvarez, was responsible for all the proposals made at the UN in favor of older people. Their response was very positive and they sent to the meeting Ambassador Mariela Baez who deals with ageing and disability issues in the mission. She not only attended the session but reiterated publically the compromise of the Dominican government with the improvement of the life of every older Dominican and its support to a Convention. I encourage all organizations to approach their governments and ask for their support.

#### **POPULATION AGEING CAN'T BE DISREGARDED**

Population ageing has social, political and economic implications that can't be disregarded especially in developing countries where the absence of Social Security is frequent and people have to work till they die. That is why we have to take into account population ageing across all goals, targets and indicators since ageing is definitely a cross cutting issue so it is in our hands and the hands of the Member States to make a better world, a world without exclusion where people of all ages, gender, religions, abilities and sexual preferences can live in peace.