

**NGO COMMITTEE ON AGEING
MONTHLY MEETING**

APRIL 7, 1:00 P.M.

UN Church Center, 777 UN Plaza (44th Street & 1st Avenue)

AGE FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENTS: TRANSPORTATION



Persons over the age of 60 represent a large and increasing proportion of the world's population. Transportation, including accessible and affordable public transportation, is a key factor influencing the health and well-being of older persons, enabling many individuals to continue employment and assist their families. In a time when financial crises and global climate change have served to refocus attention away from the individual, it is important to note that in many cases improvements and modernization in transport services in urban areas not only have been made at moderate cost but have been designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while providing increased accessibility and reliability. With respect to rural areas and developing nations, problems with transport continue to be seen as a major barrier for older persons, both in regard to reaching markets, providing and receiving needed services. In accomplishing transportation solutions, seek the participation of older persons in the necessary planning for an energy efficient, multi-transportation mode outcome in a multigenerational society.

Moderator: Peter R. Walker, PhD,
International Association of Applied Psychology, and
International Council of Psychologists

Panelists and Topics:

Patrick Hayford, Director of the Office of the Special Advisor on Africa,
Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Least Developed Countries
“Age Friendly Environments: Transportation”

Ruth Finkelstein, ScD, Vice President for Health Policy
The New York Academy of Medicine
“Age Friendly New York”

Representative of the Mission of Uruguay to the United Nations
“Rural Transportation and the Older Persons” [Invited]

Statue: “Waiting for the Interurban,” by Richard Beyer

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