



CARING COMMUNITIES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY: IMAGINING THE POSSIBLE



*International Conference
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Headquarters Conference Room 1*

As part of a series of Interlinked Congresses addressing the “**Age of Longevity**” held in cities around the globe, this free one-day conference is organized in coordination with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), Programme on Ageing, UN ICT Task Force, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Department of Public Information, NGOs, and the private sector. The Conference is in support of the Commission for Social Development and highlights the finalists of the 2004 Student Design Competition.

Innovative rethinking of the basic elements that influence our quality of life -- family, education, health, housing, multi-levels of government, and the information highway (ICT) – creates a unique opportunity to encourage a quality blueprint for an enriched “Society for All Ages. *Each month the world’s older population increases by 1.2 million!*”

When perceived with an open mind, these interrelationships offer endless opportunities for us all.

The Conference’s purpose is to build bridges and develop projects, services and products that support the needs of people of all ages. Join experts from the fields of urban planning and development, information and communication technologies, finance, government, business, health, to discuss and exchange ideas. Successful case studies, public/private partnerships, and perspectives of local authorities, NGOs and business will be featured.

The quantity of life change has become a quality of life challenge!

The following questions are the underlying themes:

- **How can ICT (information, communication technology) boost economic development in an ageing world?**
- **How can partnerships be developed which incorporate older persons’ experience and augment their capacities?**
- **What design solutions are possible to enhance A Society for All Ages?**
- **How can we adapt abandoned spaces to encourage multi-generational social and economic bridges?**

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