



**“Age of Connectivity: Connecting the Generations”
Caring Communities for the 21st Century: Imagining the Possible
Friday, 10 February 2006 International Conference 10am – 6pm UN Headquarters, NY**

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

Join experts from the fields of urban planning and development, information and communication technologies, finance, government, business, and health, to discuss and exchange ideas.

As part of a series of Interlinked Congresses addressing the “Age of Longevity” held in cities around the world, this conference is organized in coordination with the United Nations Programme for Human Settlements (UN-Habitat), UN Programme on Ageing, 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 winning projects of the 2005 ICT Student Design Competition.

The “Age of Connectivity” interrelates basic elements that influence our quality of life – innovative rethinking of the basic elements -- family, education, health, housing, multi-levels of government, and the Information Highway (of ICT) – creates a unique opportunity to encourage a quality blueprint for an enriched “Society for All Ages.” *When perceived with an open mind, these interrelationships offer endless opportunities for us all.* Successful case studies, public/private partnerships, and perspectives of local authorities, NGOs and business will be featured. The Conference’s purpose is to build bridges and develop projects, services and products that support the needs of people of all ages. Each month the world’s older population increases by 1.2 million!

The following questions are the underlying themes:

- **How can global connectivity assist in resolving the complex challenges of a Graying Society?**
- **What “blueprint” is needed? What new mindsets and paradigms can emerge from the age of digital opportunity?**
- **How to overcome the age-related digital divide and connect the generations?”**
- **How can partnerships be developed which incorporate older persons’ experience and augment their capacities?**
- **How can ICT (information and communication technology) boost economic development in an ageing society?**
- **How can ICT tools enhance life-long learning and employment?**
- **What role can e-health play in improving the quality of life for people of all ages?**

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Kim Hak-Su,* Under-Secretary-General.

Executive Director, United Nations Economic and Social Council of Asia and Pacific (ESCAP).

Co-Chairs: Dean Fadi Deek, Professor of Information Systems and Mathematical Science, College of Science and Liberal Arts, New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) and Dr. Michael Gurstein, Clinical Professor, School of Management, New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), Chair, Community Informatics Research Network

Speakers include: Mrs. Anna Tibaijuka, Under-Secretary-General, Executive Director, United Nations Programme for Human Settlements (UN-HABITAT), Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director, United Nations Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Mr. Sergei Kambalov, Chief, United Nations ECOSOC and Interorganization Cooperation Branch, Mr. Alexandre Sidorenko, Focal Point on Ageing, United Nations Programme on Ageing, Mr. Denis Gilhooly, Senior Advisor, the Global Alliance for ICT and Development, Ms. Sonia Elliott, Liaison Officer, UNAIDS New York Office; Dr. Luiz Carlos Boscolo, President, Dort Foundation (Brazil)*, Dean Craig Lehmann, School of Health Technology, Stony Brook University, SUNY, USA, Dr. Peter Mathias, President, Bridge, Research and Development, UK, and European Foundation for Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, Ireland, (speaker to be announced) (*invited)

Special Event: “VIP Sharing” Interactive Luncheon Delegates Dining Room registration fee)

Topics: Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the City, ICT & Older persons, Healthcare and e-Health, Urban Development, Cutting-Edge Issues, ICT & Enterprise Development, and Adaptive Technologies for the Workforce

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