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“Imagining the Future: Ageing in a New Age”

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Virtual Session

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Biographies

Dr. Joseph Beasley, Chairman, Joe Beasley Foundation, USA

Joe Beasley is the Human Resources Director of the Antioch Baptist Church North in Atlanta, Georgia and the Southern Regional Director of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition and the founder of the Joe Beasley Foundation. He recognizes that there are wide disparities throughout the world and is devoted to help closing the gap as much as possible.

Professor Dianne Davis, President and Founder , International Council for Caring Communities, ICC

Professor Dianne Davis, since 1966 cited in “Who’s Who of American Women”, is founding president, International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC) established in 1993. It is a non-profit organization accredited to the UN Economic and Social Council. The book, *Hospitable Design for Healthcare and Senior Communities*, written with Dr. Albert Bush-Brown, initiated the “Better living...Adding Life to Years” programs. To stimulate greater understanding her efforts include: The “Cross-Sectoral” Windsor Consultations, “Integrated Communities: A Society for All Ages” Student Competitions, and events addressing interaction of ICT, disability, health and rehabilitation. Professor Davis fosters new mindsets and develops products and services for the hospitality, healthcare and educational industries.

Known as an industry catalyst, change agent, and futurist, her goal is to develop “cross over” ventures and stimulate traditional “sleeping” organizations to move into the forefront of performance and impact.

Mr. John Gong (龚其恩) President & CEO (美国鹏博集团公司) Athena Technologies

With Master Degree in Electrical Engineering, Master Degree in Computer Science and Bachelor Degree in Mechanical Engineering, Mr. John Gong has been in Automation Control and Robotics industry since 1989. For the last three decades, his automation control company has been working with many different industries including pharmaceutical, renewable energy, water treatment, automotive, military, transportation, and many others.

Dr. James Hospedales , Founder, EarthMedic, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad & Tobago

A lover of nature, an accomplished public health physician, a person of faith, a father, grandfather, gardener and woodworker, Dr. Hospedales founded EarthMedic and EarthNurse to mobilise health professionals to urgently address the climate and health crisis.

He chairs the Defeat-NCD partnership executive committee, addressing NCDs in low-resource countries. He was Inaugural Executive Director of the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), leading the Agency to become a recognized player on the global health field, weathering several public health emergencies, developing an innovative Tourism and Health Partnership, and raising the alarm on the climate and health crisis. He was coordinator chronic disease prevention and control in PAHO/WHO.



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A graduate of UWI and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, a fellow of the UK Faculty of Public Health, and an accredited partnership broker with the Partnering Institute of the UK, Dr Hospedales has published more than 100 papers and reports.

Ms. Akiko Ito, Chief of the Programme on Disability/Secretariat, United Nations

Ms. Akiko Ito is Chief of the Programme on Disability/Secretariat for the Conference on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and UN/Focal Point on Disability, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. She was in charge of the Secretariat for the United Nations General Assembly Ad Hoc Committee on an international Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and thereafter the Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The focus of her office has been to mainstream the goals and the objectives of the Convention in the global agenda, including in the context of the 2030 Development Agenda for Sustainable Development with an emphasis on the inclusion of “the furthest left behind,” in particular as it pertains to the leadership of women and girls with disabilities in the SDG implementation and its monitoring and evaluation. She has served the Department of Economic and Social Affairs as a Focal Point for Women and Rule of Law as well as for the Human Rights Mainstreaming for the United Nations Development Group.

She has been a founding member/co-chair of the United Nations Inter-agency Support Group on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the past president of the Board of the United Nations Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. She has served under a number of mechanisms for the UN internal justice system related to diversity, gender equality and, in particular, the inclusion of persons with disabilities at the United Nations.

Ms. Ito has extensively lectured and published on issues concerning disability and human rights at the United Nations. Previous to her current post, she worked in the Legal Affairs Section of the United Nations Drug Control Programme in Vienna, Austria. She also served under the United Nations Observer Mission in South Africa. Her academic background is international law and the area of interest is domestic application of international law, with a focus on the rights of the minorities and the disadvantaged groups.

Ms. Ito has an LL.B. in International Legal Studies from Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan, M.A. in International Relations from the University of Chicago and LL.M. from the School of Law, University of California at Berkeley.

Dr. Cecilia Martinez Leal, Board Chair of the World Resource Institute WRI, Mexico

Is currently Board Chair of the World Resource Institute WRI, Mexico; she is Board Member of Habitat for Humanity Mexico and presides the Board for Place Making Mexico.

Retired in 2013, Dr. Martinez is former director of the UN-Habitat Office in New York. She has ample experience in housing, urban planning and urban design, working with communities, private sector, academia and national and local governments in Latin America. She holds a PhD degree in Urban Design from Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, England and has a graduate degree in Architecture from the Universidad Iberoamericana in México City. Before joining the NYC office, Martinez served as the director of UN-HABITAT for the Latin America and the Caribbean Office, based in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (2007-2011) and as the director of UN-HABITAT Mexico in Mexico City (2004-2007). From 2003-2004, she was the Director of the Association of Public Private Sector Programme at the Ministry of Social Development in Mexico. Martinez had held several other positions during her career including: Member of the Platform of Social Organizations for Mexico city, Council member for FINCOMUN, founder of a Microenterprise Association (NGO) Mexico, professor for Planning and Urban Design at the National University of Mexico, advisor to the director of Housing and Urban Development and the Undersecretary for Urban Development (Federal Government) SAHOP.



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Gwendolyn Price, President, KMC Global Consulting Group, USA

Ms. Gwendolyn Price retired with nearly 30 years in law enforcement, having retired from the U.S. Department of Justice as a Special Agent, after serving 24 years in Washington, DC. She is currently completing her doctoral studies in International Psychology to earn her Ph.D. with a concentration in Organizations & Systems, and Trauma Services. Her dissertation focus is on leadership in the workplace, specifically, Transformational Leadership (TL). As an entrepreneur, Ms. Price is the founder and CEO of a technology start-up (KMC Deziign Technologies, Inc.) and working in collaboration with Purdue University. Ms. Price also has a consulting company. Ms. Price completed a certification course at the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania/Minor Judiciary Education Board, as a Magisterial District Judge. Ms. Price has travelled internationally to Germany, Israel, Brazil, the United Kingdom, and the Caribbean for social, diversity, and culture enrichment. Ms. Price is a member of an academic Diversity Advisory Board (DAB) that serves, and works to promote, and advise on policies and issues related to diversity and inclusion. Ms. Price is involved in community volunteerism. Ms. Price has an interest in diversity/inclusion/equity, the 4th Sector, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), and organizational leadership. Ms. Price is a Change Agent.

Dr Jacqueline Richards , Consultant , UK

Jackie is an advisor, social enabler, and older dancer. In 2008, she left her fulltime management career (1976-1980, 1987-2008) at a vocational assessment organisation where she led teams developing Health & Social Care, Community Development and Creative Crafts qualifications. Previously, she had studied Creative Dance, Laban Art of Movement Studio, Addlestone and Trent Park College (1966-9); Sociology/Education (BEdHons 1975), Goldsmiths University, taught in schools (1969-1974) and dance adult-education tutor (1978-1987). In 2017, she graduated from Middlesex University with a doctorate (DProf). The research thesis/report was a transdisciplinary case study bringing together her dance, community and various work activities.

Some past and present activities:

- attending dance sessions
- performing in several older dancers' companies and intergenerational projects
- founding/managing an older people's dance organisation, after 6 years handing it to dance-artist entrepreneurs. It is now incorporated into a dance organisation for all ages.
- advising/mentoring ex-colleagues and younger artists
- chairing the development of a local Community Arts Centre. (1980-1987)
- co-chairing the DWP/Age Action Alliance creative arts and older people's group. (2014-2017)
- TEDx Tottenham presenter.(2014)
- advising - Age UK London "Age Allies" Project about language and stereotyping. (2017-2019)
- member of Ransackers Association. (2006 onwards)
- Presenting and sharing ideas at conferences, seminars and committees.

Dr. John Zeisel, President, Hearthstone Alzheimer Care, Ltd. USA

Dr. Zeisel, founder of the I'm Still Here Foundation and the Hearthstone Institute, is author of *I'm Still Here: A New Approach to Living with Dementia* and *Inquiry by Inquiry by Design: Environment / Behavior / Neuroscience in Architecture, Interiors, Landscape, & Planning*. He is co-author of *Design-Dignity-Dementia*, the 2020 World Report of Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI).