



NGO Committee on Ageing, United Nations, New York
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We are writing to inform you about the 17th annual International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) celebration to be held at the UN Headquarters on Thursday, October 4, 2007. This year's observance is special because it focuses on the first 5-year review of the 2002 Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA) and because it will be honoring Ambassador Julia Alvarez, former Permanent Alternate Ambassador of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations, whose groundbreaking efforts over many years raised global ageing on the UN agenda.

We are reaching out to UN offices, government Missions, NGOs and other organizations for recommendations for a panel of community-based NGOs to present at this year's celebration - which will be webcast - on their specific involvement in the implementation of MIPAA in their respective countries. We are looking for five NGOs, one per region, whose collaborative work with government, civil society, and/or the private sector merits international recognition because it has successfully addressed one or more of the issues specified in the Madrid Plan AND, not incidentally, empowered older persons.

We would be pleased if you could recommend one or more NGOs in a brief summary of each to include:

Name, address and telephone number of the NGO

Contact person, title and e-mail address, if available

What and how the NGO has contributed to the implementation of MIPAA and empowered older persons

Why you believe knowledge of this NGOs activities should be widely disseminated

Note: Presenter would need to speak in one of the United Nations' official languages.

Please send your recommendation(s) by Friday, April 13, 2007, preferably by e-mail (otherwise, by mail to the address above) to idop2007@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please e-mail either of us at that address. We shall be contacting you again later after we have selected these NGOs from the 5 regions and our plans for the 2007 IDOP are more fully developed.

The NGO Committee on Ageing/ New York is comprised of seventy NGOs accredited to represent international and national organizations at UN headquarters. The Committee has organized and presented the annual IDOP programs with the close cooperation of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the UN Department of Public Information.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Your suggestions and advice will be most welcome.

Sincerely,

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