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Ms. He Changmei is the Deputy Director of the Program Development Department at the China National Committee on Ageing (CNCA), where she has worked for 26 years. From 1985 to 1990 Ms. Changmei studied at the East China University of Science and Technology in Shanghai City, followed by a Master's of Sociology degree at the Beijing University in 1999-2003. Her research covers a variety of areas, including civil affairs management, disaster relief, social work, ageing and so on. Ms. Changmei is an author of several academic papers.

Dr. (Ms.) Aabha Chaudhary, Chairperson, Anugraha, New Delhi, India

Dr. Aabha Chaudhary is a graduate of the United Nations International Institute on Ageing, Malta & Delhi University and holds a Doctorate degree on old age care. As an expert in the area of rural ageing, she has participated as a resource person in many international forums, worked as an expert in several UN agencies and edited two books titled "Active Ageing in the New Millennium" and "Coping with Ageing : Emerging issues & Strategies in India & South Asia". She is the founder and the Honorary Chairperson of a national NGO Anugraha, focused on old age care and poverty, among other areas. Dr. Chaudhary is a Key Collaborator with the Ministry of Social Justice of the government of India, and the member of the State Council for Older Persons of the government of Delhi. She is a visiting faculty member in Nihon University of Japan, and an expert member of the National Human Rights Commission and Research Advisory Committees of various Ministries. Ms. Chaudhary has set up India's first Regional Resource and Training Centre on Aging under the Ministry of Social Justice, which provides old age care services in 7 major states in North India.

Dr. Chaudhary has led the efforts to launch several key social, health and recreational projects, introduced the celebration of the International day of Older Persons in India and the annual award ceremony recognising renowned senior citizens. Dr. Chaudhary has been awarded with National Gold Karmaveer Chakra award for outstanding work with regards to senior citizens.

Mr. U Keong Cheang, Senior Officer of Senior Service Division, Social Welfare Bureau, The Government of Macao SAR, Macao, China

Mr. U Keong Cheang is a Senior Officer under Social Welfare Bureau's Senior Service Division of the Social Welfare Bureau of Macao SAR since 2009. He was delegated to monitor and provide technical support to organizations providing elderly services, as well as to evaluate the allocation of long-term services of the applicants by practicing the Standardized Assessment. Currently, Mr. Cheang is mainly responsible for formulating policies and service planning for the elderly services of the government of Macao SAR, as well as conducting research on the related areas. In order to tackle ageing population, the government of Macao SAR has established the "Interdepartmental Steering Group on the Old Age Security Mechanism" in April 2016, and launched the "Ten Year Plan of Action for Elderly Services 2016-2025", following which, he has also been in charge of coordinating the implementation of plans of different departments, planning working agenda and providing administrative support to the Group.

Mr. Yi Chen, Chairman of the Board, Zhongshan Vocational College, China

Mr. Yi Chen is an EMBA master of Nanjing University. Mr. Chen's previous experience includes roles in Jiangsu Provincial School for Cadres from Women's Federations, Nanjing

Municipal Commission of City Appearance Administration and Policy Research Office of Jiangsu Provincial Party Committee. After 1998, he founded Nanjing Weiyuanzhou Industry Co., Ltd. and Nanjing Green Waste Recovery Engineering Co., Ltd. At the end of 2004, with the support of UN and the approval of National Development and Reform Commission, Mr. Chen successfully launched the first power generation project from the clean energies of waste and methane. He also succeeded in demonstration of the first CDM carbon trading projects and popularized it in other regions.

In 1999, to meet the demand of educational popularization in Jiangsu, Mr. Chen founded a private higher vocational college, Zhongshan College, with the support of the provincial government. In 2008, in response to the social ageing trends, the college carried out an innovative project on “Zhongshan Elderly Services Human Resources Development Area”. The project included experimental professional training of aged care workers, application-oriented research of elderly care services, support for aged care institutions and developmental mode of the ageing industry, and committed to exploring the sustainable development of elderly care services suitable for local context. At present, Mr. Chen is the member of the Association of Private Education, Jiangsu Federation of Industry and Commerce, the member of Jiangsu Gerontological Society and Jiangsu Ageing Development Foundation.

Mr. Sio Un Choi, Head of Department, Social Solidarity, Social Welfare Bureau, The Government of Macao SAR, Macao, China

Mr. Sio Un Choi is the Head of Department of Social Solidarity of the Social Welfare Bureau under the Department of Social Solidarity in Macao SAR. In this role Mr. Choi is responsible for overseeing the formulation and implementation of policies on elderly services.

Ms. Niger Dil Nahar, Programme Officer, World Food Programme Bangladesh

Ms. Niger Dil Nahar is a Programme Officer at the World Food Programme Bangladesh. She has 14 years of working experience with national and international organizations, including UN agencies in Bangladesh. She received her M.Sc. in Geography and Environment from the University of Dhaka and Post Graduate Diplomas in Disaster Management and Personnel Management from the same University.

Ms. Dil Nahar has a very rich background of working in the areas of disaster management and risk reduction. She also worked with the Comprehensive Disaster Management Project Phase-2 (CDMP-2). As the Rural Risk Reduction Specialist CDMP-2, UNDP, she significantly contributed to formulation of the National Disaster Management Policy and other related activities, such as, the development of modules on disaster management and coordination of the national level consultations.

Ms. Dil Nahar is keen writer and a number of her articles were published in the national dailies. She participated in different international forums, seminars, workshops in Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka, The Philippines, and USA.

Mr. Peng Du, Professor, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China

Prof. Peng Du is the director and professor of the Institute of Gerontology, Renmin University of China. His academic titles include vice-president of the China Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics and the president of Beijing Gerontological Society. Prof. Du has been the member of Experts Committee at the Ministry of Civil Affairs since 2006, board member of the HelpAge International during 2008-2016 and the board member of the United Nations International Institute on Ageing from 2008. He served as a chair of the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics Asia/Oceania Region from 2009 to 2013.

Prof. Du's research interests are in population ageing and ageing policies. His publications include "The Process of Population Ageing in China", "The Older Persons in China", "Social Gerontology", "Who will support the Older Persons", "Ageing Issues and Policies in EU Countries", "Population Ageing and Ageing Issues", "Population Ageing: Changes and Challenges", "Disabled Persons and Their Social Protection in Rural China", "China's Population in the 21st Century" and "Ageing Society and Harmonious Society".

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Ms. Seema Gaikwad is the Policy, Research and Advocacy Adviser with the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development based in Thailand. In this capacity, Ms. Gaikwad coordinates the policy, research and advocacy related work, primarily as it relates to building the capacities of AFPPD National Committee Members of Parliament on Sustainable Development Goals in South Asia, South East and the Pacific countries. She has over twenty years of experience working in the development sector in Asia and the Pacific, including thematic areas of gender equality and women's empowerment, land rights, children's rights and more recently, active and healthy aging. Ms. Gaikwad has lived in India, Bangladesh, Philippines, Papua New Guinea and Thailand.

Mr. Krishna Gautam, Chairperson, Ageing Nepal, Nepal

Mr. Krishna Murari Gautam has been working in the sphere of population ageing since 2009. He has been involved in 2012 MIPAA review, among other related processes. Mr. Gautam holds a Bachelor's (Honor's) degree in Agriculture from Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology,

Punjab Agricultural University in India (1974-1977) and Master of Economics, Natural Resource Economics from the University of New England, Australia (1984-1987).

His expertise includes over 30 years of experience in the field of irrigation and rural development in India, Nepal and China. He has worked as a presenter on TV and Radio, as well as a Columnist of popular dailies. Mr. Gautam was the Founding Chairperson of the Geriatric Center of Nepal and is a Founding Chairperson of Ageing Nepal since 2011.

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Previously, Ms. Giang was a Researcher at the Vietnam National University (1992- 2002). Mrs. Giang received her Master of Science in Rural Development Studies degree at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Sweden. Her experience includes working on design, analysis, monitoring and evaluation of the law, policies and programmes on poverty, social protection and the older persons in Vietnam.

Mr. Janga Bahadur Gurung, Counsellor / Deputy Chief of Mission / Deputy Permanent Representative to the UNESCAP, Embassy of Nepal in Bangkok, Thailand

Mr. Janga Bahadur Gurung assumed the current post of Counsellor / Deputy Chief of Mission / Deputy Permanent Representative to the UNESCAP, Embassy of Nepal in Bangkok in 2015. Mr. Gurung holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law (1993) and Master's Degree in Economics (1993) from Tribhuvan University. He studied the Professional Course for Foreign Diplomats at the Foreign Service Institute, Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi, India (2009).

Mr. Gurung joined the Nepalese Foreign Service in 1995 and has since held a variety of positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nepal and the Nepalese Missions abroad. Prior to posting in Bangkok, he served as the Deputy Chief of Protocol at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Director at the Department of Passport in Nepal. During 2010-2013 he served as a Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Nepal to the United Nations in New York. He also worked as

Attaché, Embassy of Nepal in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (1997–2001) and Third Secretary, Embassy of Nepal in Colombo, Sri Lanka (2003–2007).

Mr. Rio Hada, Team Leader, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Development and Economic and Social Issues Branch, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

Mr. Rio Hada is currently leading a team of economic, social and cultural rights experts at the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). He is also the OHCHR focal point for the human rights of older persons, and serves as the joint secretariat with DESA for the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing established by the General Assembly with the mandate to strengthen the protection of human rights of older persons.

Mr. Hada holds a Master of International Affairs degree from Columbia University in New York. Since joining the OHCHR in 2000, he has worked on a variety of mandates related to the right to development and economic and social rights including housing, food, education, poverty and foreign debt. For the past several years, he has led OHCHR's human rights mainstreaming agenda in the UN system and coordinated UN interagency efforts to integrate human rights in the policies and programmes of the UN development system and to support UN Resident Coordinators and Country Teams in promoting the human rights-based implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Prior to OHCHR, he served in various UN departments, including the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in New York, the UN Office at Vienna, UNDP and the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, working on a wide range of issues including poverty and social development, post-conflict reconstruction and reconciliation, international trade and South-South cooperation.

Ms. Reiko Hayashi, Director, Department of International Research and Cooperation Ministry/Agency: National Institute of Population and Social Security Research (IPSS), Japan

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Prior to joining the IPSS with present position in 2012, her career includes Technical Advisor to the Minister of Health, Republic of Senegal (JICA expert) and Project Assistant Professor of Center for Sustainable Urban Regeneration, the University of Tokyo. Dr. Hayashi's research focus has been on population and development, health, migration and global ageing. Her

current research projects include “Research project on population ageing and migration in East Asia and ASEAN countries” and “Research project on the historical trend and policy change of population and social security utilizing the IPSS archive”. She is the member of “Study Group for Japan’s International Contribution to ‘Active Aging’” and “Advisory Panel on Global Health” of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan and the Japanese Delegation of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development.

Dr. (Ms.) Wendy Holmes, Independent International Public Health Consultant, Sri Lanka

Dr. Wendy Holmes is an international public health physician and researcher with an interest in population ageing in low income settings. Dr. Holmes holds a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, as well as MSc degree from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine in the United Kingdom. She was the Technical Director for the Sri Lanka Better Vision Healthy Ageing Program of the Burnet Institute in Melbourne, Australia from 2012 to 2016.

Dr. Holmes has 30 years of experience in health and development in low-income settings. Her interests include healthy ageing, long term care, community eye health, health systems strengthening, women’s and children’s health, HIV prevention and care, and policy development. She was the Deputy Director of the Centre for International Health of the Burnet Institute in 2004–2010, and an Honorary Senior Lecturer at the Monash University and the University of Melbourne. Dr. Holmes has been an invited resource person at the HelpAge and UN ESCAP meetings on healthy ageing.

Mr. Sawang Kaewkantha, Executive Director, Foundation for Older Persons’ Development (FOPDEV), Chiang Mai, Thailand

Mr. Sawang Kaewkantha is a graduate of Chiang Mai Teachers’ College (1967). In 1972, Mr. Kaewkantha joined a joint research project of Chiang Mai University (CMU) and St Louis University, USA as a project assistant and continued working with CMU at the Research Institute for Health Sciences (RIHES) as a field research liaison for different projects. In 1987-1988 he studied the University of London as a visiting student of the programme on Sociology as Applied to Medicine.

Mr. Kaewkantha worked at the International Rescue Committee (IRC) as the Public Health Advisor in a team working on issues of the displaced persons along the Thai-Burma border in 1992, before joining HelpAge International office in Chiang Mai as the Senior Programme Coordinator for Thailand the following year. Six years later, Mr. Kaewkantha became the team leader to establish the Foundation for Older Persons’ Development (FOPDEV) as a local NGO. Since 1999 he has assumed a full time role of the Executive Director of the FOPDEV.

Ms. Thelma Kay, Independent Expert, Singapore

Ms. Thelma Kay is the former Chief of the Social Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) and also the former Senior Advisor on Ageing Issues, Ministry of Social and Family Development, Singapore. She currently serves as advisor and consultant to governments and international organizations on social development issues. She has worked with governments on national action plans of ageing, programmes on social protection and care, age-friendly cities and active ageing.

Ms. Kay was educated at the National University of Singapore and the London School of Economics and Political Science. She was a faculty member at the Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore. Ms. Kay directed UN ESCAP's work on social development covering the United Nation's global and regional mandates on population and development, gender equality, ageing, and disability.

She has been a speaker/panelist at national, regional and global events organized by the Asian Development Bank, ASEAN, AARP, the International Federation on Ageing, HelpAge International, various United Nations entities and private sector events such as the Asia-Pacific Business Forum, Conference on Diversity and Inclusion in Asia-Pacific, and Conferences on Corporate Social Responsibility.

Ms. Kay served on the board of the UNESCO International Institute of Education Planning, the School of Energy, Resources and Development, Asian Institute of Technology, and the United Nations International Institute for Ageing, Programme for Asia. She is also a council member of the Active Ageing Consortium for Asia-Pacific.

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Mr. Keoung Chan Kim is a Deputy Director in Population Policy Coordination Division of the Korean Ministry of Health and Welfare. Mr. Kim received his Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Seoul National University in 2013. He served as a Deputy Director in Welfare Policy Division in Seoul Metropolitan Government in 2014. The following year, Mr. Kim joined the Population Policy division where he has worked since. Currently, Mr. Kim is managing the work on "Preparation for old age service", and participating in enhancement of the "Plan for Ageing Society".

Mr. Eduardo Klien, Regional Director, HelpAge International East Asia/Pacific

Mr. Eduardo Klien is the Regional Director of HelpAge International East Asia/Pacific, managing the work of HelpAge regionally in collaboration with HelpAge network partners

throughout ASEAN and beyond. This work includes policy advocacy, knowledge and research development, community-based programmes and supporting the voice of older persons to ensure dignified, active, healthy and secure lives for them. An economist by training and former university lecturer and researcher, Mr. Klien has been moving the regional agenda towards exploring the social and economic effects of population ageing.

Mr. Raja Kumaran, Interim President, Fiji Council of Social Services (FCOSS), Suva, Fiji

Mr. Raja Kumaran is currently the Interim President of Fiji Council of Social Services (FCOSS). He has been serving as a Board Member of the FCOSS for over 3 years. He is also the National Vice-President of TISI Sanagam since 2009, one of the largest cultural organizations in Fiji, and the Chairman of its Southern Division.

Mr. Kumaran has over 32 years of work experience in the private sector, university teaching and serving voluntarily with civil society organizations. He has actively participated in Madrid International Plan for Action on Ageing (MIPAA) consultation in Fiji and championed the ageing issue for the past decade.

His qualifications include a Diploma in Telecommunication Engineering from Fiji Institute of Technology, Diploma in Telecommunication from Telecon Training Centre and the Bachelor of Science (Computing Science and Information Systems) from University of the South Pacific. Mr. Kumaran has a particular interest in working at grassroots level, and especially with the older persons.

Mr. Christophe Lefranc, Technical Adviser on Population and Development (Data and Census), UNFPA, Asia and the Pacific Regional Office, Bangkok, Thailand

Ms. Haiou Li, Vice Chairman of the Board, Zhongshan College, China

Ms. Haiou Li's has been the Vice Chairman of Zhongshan College in China since 2013. Previously, Ms. Li worked as Director of the Executive Office in Women Cadres School of Jiangsu Province (1982-1994). She then served as a Deputy Director in Nanjing Municipal Amenities Committee (1994-1997) and in Jiangsu Provincial Committee of Planning and Economy (1997-2000). She continued her career as a Consultant in Jiangsu Provincial Commission of Economics and Information till 2010. Ms. Li has been elected as the Vice Chairman of Ageing Industry Association of Jiangsu Province, as well as the Gerontological Society of Jiangsu Province.

Ms. Kit Leng Kam, Chief of the Residential and Integrated Service Unit, Senior Service Division, the Government of Macao SAR, Macao, China

Ms. Kit Leng Kam is the Chief of the Residential and Integrated Service Unit of the Senior Service Division in Macao SAR. She is mainly responsible for leading the work to provide technical support to the subsidized homes for the elderly in Macao, to ensure continued enhancement of the quality of services provided. Her role includes allocating long-term care services and community support to the elderly through the Standardized Assessment Tool and Centralized Referral System and formulating long-term policies for the development of Macao's residential and integrated services for the older persons. Ms. Kam is also responsible for following up on works related to the establishment of social service facilities, such as providing suggestions and guidance on the floor plan design, service planning, and operation of the homes for the older persons.

Ms. Channe Lindstrøm Oğuzhan, Associate Social Affairs Officer, Social Development Division, UN ESCAP, Thailand

Ms. Oğuzhan is a political sociologist with more than twelve years of professional experience in the fields of humanitarian assistance and international development. Her key areas of competence include policy formulation, strategic planning, project management, diplomatic relations, fundraising as well as research and analysis. She holds a BSc Sociology degree from the London School of Economics and Political Science and a Masters of Studies in Forced Migration from the University of Oxford Refugee Studies Centre. Ms. Oğuzhan is a published author on issues related to forced migration and international human rights law. Her research has earned her inclusion in Who's Who in the World ® since 2007.

Ms. Oğuzhan commenced her career in West Africa, where she worked as an Emergency and Reporting Officer for the UNHCR responding to humanitarian crises in Côte d'Ivoire, Togo and Liberia. Later, Ms. Oğuzhan worked at the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) in Kenya on leveraging the strategic importance of policy- and programmatic issues related to the human rights-based approach to sustainable urban development. Ms. Oğuzhan's experience in research and analysis includes, among others, working with United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA) on monitoring and analysis of policy debates and humanitarian trends. In New York, she supported UN humanitarian reform at the Central Emergency Response Fund. Ms. Oğuzhan is currently working at the UN ESCAP, focusing on social policy analysis and development in general, and on the implications of demographic changes related to population ageing in particular.

Mr. Md Mostafa Kamal Mazumder, Deputy Secretary, Ministry Of Social Welfare, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka

Mr. Md Mostafa Kamal Mazumder is a government officer of Bangladesh Civil Service Administration Cadre. Mr. Mazumder holds a Master's degree in Accounting from Dhaka University and an MBA (Majoring in HRM) degree from the University of Information, Technology & Science. He also studied for CA, ICMA & LLB. Mr. Mazumder has worked in various spheres for the last 24 years including education, development, administration, protocol, HRM, office management, financial management and assets management. His background includes 12 years of experience in magistracy and field level land management. Mr. Mazumder also has experience in teaching, as well as conducting and coordinating development training programs. His expertise includes evaluation of the development programs implemented by Union Parishads, Zila Parishads, LGRD, WFP, CARE, City Corporation, as well as other departmental activities, especially in relation to food & disaster management.

At present Mr. Mazumder is performing the activities related to older persons and disabled persons as a Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Social Welfare. He is actively involved in implementing the Bangladesh National Policy on Older Persons 2013, promulgating the Elderly Persons Development Foundation Act 2017 and monitoring of the Disabled Persons Health Care Centre. He has participated in different trainings, seminars, workshops and study visits in South Korea, UK, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and Japan.

Ms. Ghazala Meenai, Joint Secretary, Ministry Of Social Justice & Empowerment, India

Ms. Ghazala Meenai's qualifications include a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi, Masters' in Political Science from Jawahar Lal Nehru University, New Delhi, as well as a Master's in Development Management from the Asian Institute of Management in Manila. She joined Central Government Service as a member of Indian Audit and Accounts Service (IA&AS) in 1985, and held several positions in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department, including Accountant General, Principal Director of Commercial Audit and Member of the Audit Board, Director General of Audit.

Ms. Meenai's previous roles include Under Secretary and Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Defence, Director (Finance, Vigilance, Public Distribution and International Cooperation), Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, as well as the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment since 2012. As a Joint Secretary, Ms. Meenai has managed the Ministry's assignments including Social Defence, Media, Sub-group on Relief and Rehabilitation of Narmada Project, among others. She has been instrumental in formulation of the Policy for Senior Citizens, Drug Demand Reduction, Transgender Persons and Persons engaged in Beggary, as well as the Implementation of Welfare Schemes for them. In addition, Ms. Meenai is the Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the National Institute of Social Defence which undertakes Training and Advocacy in the areas of Social Defence. Her current work includes close collaboration with the UNFPA, UNODC and the Colombo Plan.

Ms. Baralee Meesukh, Regional Head of Network Development at HelpAge International, Chiang Mai, Thailand

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Mr. Peter Morrison, Regional Programme Adviser, HelpAge International Asia/Pacific Regional Office, Chiang Mai, Thailand

Mr. Peter Morrison has been the Regional Programme Advisor with HelpAge International in the Asia region for the past 10 years, based in HelpAge's regional office in Chiang Mai, Thailand. His work has included support to network partners and governments on ageing policies and programmes, evidence gathering, social protection, and other areas. He has been responsible for activities in various countries of East, South and Southeast Asia in the past but currently concentrates mostly on cross-country initiatives and Myanmar. He previously worked in other parts of Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands for other INGOs, the World Bank and other organizations. He has a Master's degree in Social Development Planning from the London School of Economics.

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Keisuke Nakashima is an Associate Professor of global issues and international business at Kobe City University of Foreign Studies in Kobe, Japan and a non-resident Senior Associate at the Global Aging Institute in Alexandria, United States. Prior to joining the faculty of Kobe City University, he worked on global aging issues at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, DC, where he began his tenure as a Research Intern and finished it as Deputy Program Director.

Mr. Nakashima has written extensively on retirement policy and population aging, especially in East Asia. He is the author or co-author of numerous policy studies, including Global Aging

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Ms. Celine Peyron Bista is the Chief Technical Adviser on Social Protection at ILO's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok. She has over 16 years of international professional experience in the field of social security and social protection, working at the ILO and the ADB. Ms. Bista started her work in Latin America, but has also worked for several years in Asia. Her current role includes managing a regional project aimed at extending social protection in South-East and East Asian countries.

Ms. Nhung Pham Tuyet, Deputy Head of International Department, Vietnam Association of the Elderly (VAE), Hanoi, Viet Nam

Ms. Nhung Pham Tuyet is the Deputy Head of International Development at the Vietnam Association of the Elderly (VAE) in Hanoi, Viet Nam. Ms. Tuyet holds a Master's degree in the field of Library and Information from Hanoi University of Culture, and a Bachelor's degree in Physics from the University of Azizbekova. Prior to joining the VAE, she worked as a Deputy Director of the Fisheries Information and Informatics Center at the Ministry of Fisheries in Viet Nam, and has acquired substantial experience over the years in coordinating and managing development projects related to ageing, and advocating policy, social pensions and the entitlement of older persons in Viet Nam. She has also participated in various trainings and workshops on gender and women's development, fisheries community, trade union in fisheries, ageing and development, and health care for older persons.

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Dr. John Piggott is the Director of the ARC Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research (CEPAR) and Scientia Professor of Economics at the University of New South Wales, Australia.. He is concurrently Adjunct Professor at the Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU. Dr. Piggott has a long standing interest in retirement and pension economics and finance. His publications include more than 100 academic journal articles and chapters in books. He has also co-authored two books, both published by Cambridge University Press.

Dr. Piggott was a member of the Henry Tax Review Panel and served for several years on the Ministerial Superannuation Advisory Committee. Internationally, he has been a consultant to several foreign governments on pension issues, including Russia and Indonesia. In 2007 he was appointed as Visiting Professor, Zhejiang University, China, and from 2008-2010 was Visiting Scholar with the Department of Insurance and Risk Management, Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania.

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Dr. Rahman was the elected Senate and Syndicate member and Proctor of Dhaka University. As an AIBS fellow, he was a Visiting Professor in the Winona State University (2005) and a Scholar-in-Residence in the Monmouth University (2008), USA, and also WHO visiting fellow in the

Mahidol University (2007), Thailand. Dr. Rahman participated in various trainings, including INIA organized training program in Malta (1999), HelpAge International organized ToT programs in Sri Lanka (1999), India (1999), Thailand (2001), and in the Second World Assembly on Ageing in Madrid, Spain (2002). He also participated in different trainings, seminars, workshops, study visits and consultations in Cambodia, China, India, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam and USA, organized by United Nations, HelpAge International and other International organizations.

As a senior Gerontologist of Bangladesh, Dr. Rahman is serving as the Secretary General of Bangladesh Association for the Aged and Institute of Geriatric Medicine (BAAIGM) and the President of Bangladesh Gerontological Association (BGA). He has published three books and several research articles, mostly on ageing issues. Dr. Rahman was also actively involved in preparing the Bangladesh National Policy on Older Persons 2013.

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Under his leadership, the Agewell Foundation set up a two-tier network of over 7,500 primary and 80,000 secondary volunteers spread across 640 districts of India. The Foundation interacts with over 25,000 older persons on a daily basis through its nationwide volunteers' network. The Agewell Foundation has received broad media attention for its work on welfare and empowerment of older persons, particularly the destitute older persons. It has also received

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Ms. Sen is a member of various associations, including the High Level Expert Group on Universal Health Coverage in India and the Mission Steering Group for the National Rural Health Mission. She is part of the Governing Board of the National Health Systems Resource Centre and the Gender and Rights Advisory Panel of WHO's department of the Reproductive Health and Research, and was previously a member of the High Level Task Force for ICPD, co-chaired the Knowledge Network on Women and Gender Equity of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health, and was a member of the Lancet Commission on Women and Health. Among a number of awards and honours, she received the Volvo Environment Prize (1994),

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Mr. Som is responsible for conducting OPA replication, development of laws and regulations, including the national ageing policy 2017-2030. He is involved in policy development on social protection, framework development and steering of ageing-sensitive policies and framework in Cambodia. Mr. Som's 10 years of professional experience includes expertise as a legal advisor, as well as experience in policy development, projects management, youth empowerment, community development, research and development with local and international organizations and private sector.

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