

United Nations EcoSoc Quadrennial report 2016-2019

Field 1. Introduction: Area of work, goals, and geographical coverage (about 1 sentence)

The International Longevity Center Global Alliance, Ltd (ILC GA) is a multi-national NGO registered in the US operating with 16 member organizations in Europe, Asia, Americas, Africa, and Oceania. It aims to help society prepare for longevity and population aging in positive and productive ways.

Field 2. Aims and purpose of organization (about 2-3 sentences)

The organization's aim is carried out through research, training and advocacy, including participation in United Nations programs that focus on population aging. ILC GA members are united in their concern for the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on older persons, as outlined in its position statement available at www.ilc-alliance.org

Field 3. Significant changes

Amendment to the By-laws: There have been no significant changes.

Geographical coverage change: There have been no significant changes, except that ILC Germany is no longer a member.

Field 4. Contribution of your organization to the work of the United Nations

As a member of the Stakeholder Group on Aging and other NGO consortiums, ILC GA representatives contributed as speakers, technical advisors, statement reviewers/signors, attendees, and side event organizers. ILC GA's recommendations are backed by research, since nearly all of its 16 members are affiliated with research universities.

Field 5. The participation of your organization in the meetings of the United Nations

ILC GA participated in the following and other meetings:

Sessions of Sustainable Development Goals (2016) and High Level Political Forum (2017-19)

30 March 2016 (Economic and Social Council special meeting on Sustainable Development, Goal 10); 10-19 July, 2017; 9-18 July 2018, 9-18 July 2019

Open Ended Working Group on Aging (OEWGA)

12-15 December 2016; 5-7 July 2017; 23-26 July 2018; 15-18 April 2019

Additionally, ILC GA participated in sessions of the Commission for Social Development (NY), the Commission on the Status of Women (NY), the United Nations High Commissioner of Human Rights (Geneva), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (Geneva), the International Day of Older Persons (globally), and the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (globally).

Field 6. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ILC GA members cooperated with United Nations bodies around the world in various occasions. A few examples are listed below.

World Health Organization (WHO): Contributed to a study using data from a large cohort of older Australian women, including an elite group who have lived beyond their life expectancy, to test the WHO framework of Healthy Ageing, 2018-to date, Australia.

World Bank: Contributed to a study on “population ageing and the organization of health and social care in Brazil” and participated in a workshop on this theme, 3 July 2017, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

United Nations Commission for Europe: Participated in the Working Group on Aging section which focused on the regional implementation strategy of the Madrid International Plan of Action, 19 November 2018, Geneva.

International Institute of Aging Malta: As a satellite center, organized a gerontology training program, December 2017, Hyderabad, India.

Full list is available at www.ilc-alliance.org.

Field 7. Initiatives undertaken in support of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

ILC GA and its members have actively taken initiatives in support of SDGs with publications, speeches, side events, statements, and meeting participation. Full list is available at www.ilc-alliance.org. Examples include:

Goals 1 and 4:

Hosted a side event at the United Nations: “International, Inter-Sectorial Discussion on Lifelong Learning and Income Security,” 15 April 2019, NY, 10th session of OEWGA. The event focused on the elimination of poverty among older persons through effective use of lifelong learning.

Goal 3.

Hosted a side event at the United Nations: “Right to be My Older Self: A North-South Discussion of Long-term Care and Palliative Care, Autonomy, and Independence,” 24 July 2018, NY, 9th session of OEWGA.

Goal 4.

Gave an oral statement at the United Nations: “Importance of Digital Inclusion and Training of Older Persons,” 19 February 2019, NY, 56th session of Commission of Social Development that asserted the importance of digital inclusion of older persons to insure their independence and well-being.

Goal 11.

Contributed to position paper of the Stakeholder Group on Aging on “Inclusive, Safe, Resilient, and Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements” submitted to the High Level Political Forum of the United Nations, July 2018, New York.

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