

Generations United Quadrennial Report to the United Nations for the Period Covering 2017-2020

- 1. Introduction:** Generations United works with local, national and international Non-Governmental Organizations and governments to improve the lives of children youth, and older people through intergenerational collaboration, public policies, and programs for the enduring benefit of all.
- 2. Aims and Purposes of the Organization:** Generations United develops initiatives, programs and thought-leader reports to inspire policymakers, media and champions of change to use intergenerational strategies to tackle critical issues in society.
- 3. Significant changes in the organization:** There have been no significant changes.
- 4. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Worked to establish the Non-Governmental Organizations Committee on Intergenerational Solidarity (COIGENS) now co-chaired by a Generations United UN representative.

Co-sponsored and presented at “Foreign Remittances, Human Rights and Intergenerational Relationships”, United Nations International Day of Human Rights, United Nations, New York, NY 11 December 2017

5. Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Participated and commented on recommendations United Nations On-line Expert Group Meeting “Families in development: Assessing progress, challenges and emerging issues. Focus on modalities for IYF+30 & parenting education.” 16-18 June 2020

Participated “Social Security: Social Aspects,” United Nations 57th Session of the Commission for Social Development - Sustainable, Social Inclusive and Economically Positive Social Security Systems: Towards Eliminating Extreme Poverty by 2030, (CSocD57 Side Event), United Nations, New York, NY 19 February 2019

Participated and wrote background paper “Intergenerational sites: new trends in urban planning, global trends and good practices from the US and beyond” SDG 11 Expert Group Meeting “Family policies for inclusive societies” United Nations New York, NY 15-16 May 2018

Received award for “outstanding work at Generations United as the catalyst for policies and practices, stimulating cooperation and collaboration among generations, evoking the vibrancy, energy and sheer productivity that result when people of all ages come together” and offered closing remarks International Federation for Family Development briefing United Nations New York NY 8 February 2017

Presented “Foreign Remittances and Financial Elder Abuse,” United Nations World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD), Understand and End Financial Abuse of Older People: A Human Rights Issue, United Nations, New York, NY 16 June 2017

Moderated panel “Stepping into the Future-Tapping the Talents and Participation of Older Persons” International Day of Older Persons Observance United Nations New York NY 5 October 2017

Moderated panel “How can Intergenerational Relationships contribute to the promotion, protection and full enjoyment of the human rights of older and younger persons?” Side event International Day of Human Rights “The contribution of Intergenerational Relationships to the Enjoyment of the Human Rights of Older Persons” United Nations New York, NY 11 December 2017

Provided written and verbal testimony to the Open Ended Working Group on Ageing during its meetings United Nations New York, NY 2017, 2018, 2019

6. Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Generations United supported four volunteer United Nations representatives and their activities at the United Nations all the years included in this report.

Invited United Nations Focal Point on Family Social Affairs Officer to present “Building Intergenerational Solidarity in Support of Sustainable Development Goals” at the Generations United 2019 Global Intergenerational Conference which attracted nearly 500 people from 12 countries. Portland, OR USA June 2019

Invited speaker International Federation for Family Development Congress “Roundtable on Family-Friendly Policies in the International Arena” London England 10 October 2019

Invited speaker “Sustainable development goals and intergenerational solidarity” International Federation for Family Development International Advocacy Online Workshop 9-11 September 2020

Participated in planning meetings for the 30th anniversary of the International Day of Families

7. Initiatives in support of the MDGs Millennium Development Goals (and the SDGs after 2015)

Developed the Lalibela Project as a follow up demonstration project based on a presentation at the UN. It is now an activity of the NGO Committee on Intergenerational Solidarity (COIGENS) focused on the impact of social security on the elderly and disabled in Africa.

Recruited expert speaker for “Families and Climate Action: Focus on SDG 13” United Nations New York, NY 16 May 2019

Wrote and released report “The Best of Both Worlds: A Closer Look at Creating Spaces That Connect Young and Old” SDG 11 2019 August