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Innovations in Healthy Aging in Latin America

February 3, 2022 | Virtual Convening

PROGRAM

10:00 – 10:05 AM ET	Welcome Remarks <i>Frank Justice, Vice President, Meridian Center for Diplomatic Engagement</i>
10:05–10:10 AM ET	Introductory Remarks <i>Peter Rundlet, Vice President, AARP International</i>
10:10–10:25 AM ET	Keynote Remarks <i>Dr. José Ricardo Jauregui, President-elect, International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics</i>
10:25–10:30 AM ET	Featured Remarks <i>Kerri Hannan, Deputy Assistant Secretary, for Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. State Department</i>
10:30–11:00 AM ET	Panel Discussion <i>Moderated by: Stephanie Firestone, Senior Strategic Policy Advisor for Health & Age-friendly Communities, AARP</i> <i>Speakers: His Excellency Jorge Argüello, Ambassador of Argentina; His Excellency Fernando Llorca, Ambassador of Costa Rica; Edwin L. Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Dr. Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian, Director of Social Inclusion, Organization of American States</i>
11:00–11:30 AM ET	Audience Q&A
11:30 AM ET	Closing Remarks <i>Frank Justice, Vice President, Meridian Center for Diplomatic Engagement</i>

SPEAKERS



DR. JOSÉ RICARDO JAUREGUI

President-elect, International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics

Dr. José Ricardo Jauregui is a specialist in the field of geriatrics, primary care and internal medicine and President of Latin American & Caribbean Regional Committee of the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG). He is currently the President-elect of the IAGG. He is the Staff Geriatrician at Hospital Italiano of Buenos Aires. He is a Professor at La Matanza University, Buenos Aires University, and Hospital Italiano School of Medicine, Argentina. Jauregui was the Medical Director of the Hospital Italiano de San Justo 2001-2012 in Buenos Aires. Jauregui is the Director of the Research Unit of Biology of Ageing. He has experience in development assistance programs, education and research in health among older adults. He also has experience in distance education and continuing medical education programs.



KERRI HANNAN

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. State Department

Kerri Hannan, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Diplomacy and covers issues related to the People's Republic of China for the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs. Hannan previously served as the Director of the Office of Press and Public Diplomacy in the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, as Deputy Chief of Mission and Chargé d'affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Luxembourg, and Senior Advisor in the Office of Policy, Planning, and Resources for the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs. Prior overseas assignments include Bolivia, Argentina and India, as well as Spokesperson at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul. Her Washington tours included Director of English Language Programs in the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Public Diplomacy Desk Officer for the Balkans, and tours in the State Department Operations Center and European Affairs Bureau.



STEPHANIE FIRESTONE

Senior Strategic Policy Advisor, Health & Age-friendly Communities, AARP International

Stephanie Firestone joined AARP International in January 2017 as a Senior Strategic Policy Advisor for Health and Age-friendly Communities. She collaborates with international organizations such as the World Health Organization, where she is the liaison between the WHO on age-friendly communities and the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing initiative. Ms. Firestone also collaborates with organizations such as the American Planning Association, the Global Planners Network, and the American Society on Aging to advance the art of planning for aging in the U.S. and internationally. Ms. Firestone was a 2015-2016 Health & Aging Policy Fellow, where she worked with the APA and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development helping to expand affordable housing opportunity for vulnerable residents. Previously, as Director of Livable Communities at the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, Ms. Firestone worked with Area Agencies, cities and counties to create multi-stakeholder partnerships, develop action plans and enhance their capacity to create communities that are livable for all people of all ages and abilities.



HIS EXCELLENCY JORGE ARGÜELLO

Ambassador of Argentina

On February 6, 2020, Jorge Argüello assumed the position of Ambassador of Argentina to the United States. Argüello is a lawyer and politician. Argüello began his political career in 1987 as a member, then Chairman, of the City Council of Buenos Aires. He served twice as a National Congressman. Argüello has a wide-ranging experience in the public sector; as a member of Congress he was appointed Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee and Chairman of the Parliamentary Observatory for the Malvinas Question. In 2018 he became Secretary of State, in the Official Representation for the Malvinas Question in Tierra del Fuego province, Antarctica and South Atlantic Islands. Argüello has worked extensively in the diplomatic field; as Permanent Representative of Argentina to the U.N. (2007-2011), Ambassador of Argentina to the United States of America (2011-2012), and Ambassador of Argentina to Portugal and Cabo Verde (2013-2015). He later set up his own Foundation, Embajada Abierta, a center for international affairs and public policy. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the Argentine Council for International Relations.



HIS EXCELLENCY FERNANDO LLORCA CASTRO

Ambassador of Costa Rica

President Carlos Alvarado Quesada named Dr. Fernando Llorca Castro Ambassador of Costa Rica to the United States on August 1, 2018. Llorca has long dedicated himself to serving Costa Rica through various capacities and has over 12-years of experience in international development throughout Europe. Previously, Llorca held prominent positions in major transnational organizations as a health policy advisor, a medical and research manager, and a primary care medical practitioner in Spain and in Costa Rica. Moreover, Llorca also worked as a registered medical disability analyst in the United Kingdom. In 2014, he was appointed as the Deputy-Minister of Health, shortly thereafter becoming the

Minister and the Steward of the Health, Nutrition and Sports Sector in Costa Rica where he established private and public safety regulations and best practices policies. He holds an Advanced Studies Diploma in Political Economy from Universidad Complutense de Madrid, a Master of Science Health Policy, Planning and Finance from the London School of Economics and Political Science and the Hygiene and Tropical Medicine both from the University of London. He also holds two Masters in Health Care Management as well as Health Economics and Pharmacoeconomics from the Universitat Pompeu Fabra.



EDWIN L. WALKER

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

As the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging, Edwin L. Walker leads the Administration on Aging in advocating on behalf of older Americans. In this capacity, he guides and promotes the development of home and community-based long-term care programs, policies, and services designed to afford older people and their caregivers the ability to age with dignity and independence and to have a broad array of options available for an enhanced quality of life. This includes the promotion and implementation of evidence-based prevention interventions proven effective in avoiding or delaying the

onset of chronic disease and illness. Prior to joining HHS in 1992, Walker served as the Director of the Missouri Division of Aging, responsible for administering a comprehensive set of human service programs for older persons and adults with disabilities. He received a Juris Doctor degree in law from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Media Arts from Hampton University.



DR. BETILDE MUÑOZ-POGOSSIAN

Director of Social Inclusion, Organization of American States

Dr. Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian is the Director of the Department of Social Inclusion of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity at the Organization of American States (OAS), where she is responsible for directing the work of the OAS in matters of social inclusion and access to human rights. She has edited, published, and co-authored several articles and volumes on issues of Latin American reality. She is also a founding member and coordinator of the Network of Latin American Female Political Scientists #NoSinMujeres,” a project that seeks to promote, make visible and empower the work of women dedicated to Latin American Political Science. She is a regular columnist for the

Venezuelan daily El Nacional and for the web portal Caracas Chronicles. She is also a 2021 Fellow of the Draper Hills Fellowship on Democracy, Development and Rule of Law at Stanford University. Muñoz-Pogossian won Outstanding Performance Awards in 2008, 2016, 2019 and again in 2020 by the OAS in recognition of her contribution to the organization. Muñoz-Pogossian has a Master’s degree in International Relations from the University of South Florida and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Florida International University.



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