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and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing:
process, survey, data and policies**

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Bio Sketches



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Susana graduated Cum Laude from the University of Santo Tomas (Manila, Philippines) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and holds a Master in Public Administration (MPA) from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore.

She has been a speaker and a panelist at several regional and international conferences that were organized by ACWO, ASEAN, HelpAge International, IAGG, ICPP, OECD, UN DESA and UN ESCAP. She has also co-authored articles and co-edited a book, 'Financial Security of Older Women: Perspectives from Southeast Asia (2018)'. Her interests are ageing and gender mainstreaming and its intersectionality, financial security, community resilience, programme evaluation, active and successful ageing, empowerment and community development.



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Since joining 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. Over the past several years, he 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 promote human rights-based implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Prior to OHCHR, he served at the UN 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, on a wide range of issues including poverty and social development, post-conflict reconstruction and reconciliation, international trade and South-South cooperation.

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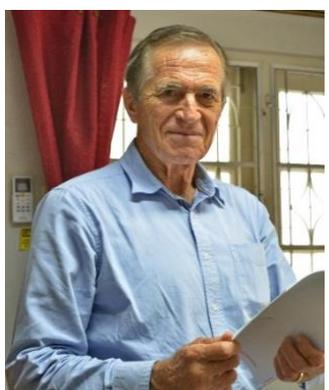


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