



**“Age of Connectivity: Cities, Magnets of Hope”**  
**Caring Communities for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Imagining the Possible**  
**Friday, 9 February 2007 International Conference 10am – 6pm**  
**United Nations Headquarters**  
**Conference Room 3**

*The quantity of life change has become a quality of life challenge!*

**Join experts from the fields of urban planning and development, information and communication technologies, finance, government, business, and health, to discuss and exchange ideas.**

As part of a series of Interlinked Congresses addressing the “Age of Longevity” held in cities around the globe, this free conference is organized in coordination with United Nations partners: Programme for Human Settlements (UN-Habitat), Programme on Ageing, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Department of Public Information; World Olympians Association, NGOs, and the private sector. The Conference is in support of the United Nations Commission for Social Development and 7<sup>th</sup> Global Forum on Building Trust in Government. The “Age of Connectivity” interrelates basic elements that influence our quality of life – innovative rethinking of the basic elements -- family, education, health, housing, multi-levels of government, and the ICT Information Highway – and creates a unique opportunity to encourage a quality blueprint for an enriched “Society for All Ages.”

Successful case studies, public/private partnerships, and perspectives of local authorities, NGOs and business will be featured. The Conference’s purpose is to build bridges and develop projects, services and products that support the needs of people of all ages. Each month the world’s older population increases by 1.2 million! Program will address: Social and Economic Sustainability through Technology, Rural and Urban Development, Entrepreneurship, Employment, e-learning, e-health, e- government, Networks, Capacity Building. ” ***When perceived with an open mind, these interrelationships offer endless opportunities for us all.***

The following questions are the underlying themes:

- **How can an “Open City Portal” enhance the quality of life for all generations?**
- **How can ICT tools enhance the Olympic legacy and address the complexities of city environments?**
- **What role can virtual communities and social networking play to enhance quality of life in cities?**
- **What “blueprint” is needed? What new mindsets, paradigms and local authority ICT tools can emerge from the age of digital opportunity?**
- **How to overcome the age-related digital divide and connect the generations?”**
- **How can partnerships be developed which incorporate older persons’ experience and augment their capacities?**
- **How can ICT (information and communication technology) boost economic development in an ageing society?**
- **How can ICT tools enhance life-long learning and employment?**

**Keynote Speakers include:** Dr. Liston Brochette, Secretary-General, World Olympians Association

**Co-Chairs:** Mr. Ramu Damodaran, Chief, Civil Society Service Outreach Division, United Nations Department of Public Information, and Dr. Dennis Anderson, Associate Dean, Ivan G. Seidenberg School of Computer Science and Information Systems, Pace University, USA, **Moderator:** Mr. Kazi Rahman Chief, UN Regional Commissions New York Office **Speakers include:** Mrs. Anna Tibaijuka, Under-Secretary-General, Executive Director, United Nations Programme for Human Settlements (UN-HABITAT), Mr. Nikil Seth, Director, United Nations Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Mr. Sergei Kambalov, Chief, United Nations ECOSOC and Inter-organization Cooperation Branch, Mr. Alexandre Sidorenko, Focal Point on Ageing, United Nations Programme on Ageing, Mr. Vyatcheslav Cherkasov, Partnership and Outreach Programme Coordinator, United Nations Public Administration, DESA, H.E. Mr. Solomon Boit, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Government, Kenya, Dr. Motto Kusakabe, Senior Counselor to the President, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, UK Dr. Peter Mathias, Managing Director, Bridge Research and Development, UK.

***Special Event: “Olympic Legacy Cities: Post Event” a VIP Sharing Luncheon*** (registration fee)

**Registration Deadline 5 February 2007** visit website [www.un.org/events/agingcf.htm](http://www.un.org/events/agingcf.htm) Conference up-dates  
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