



**UNIVERSITY  
OF GHANA**

**CENTRE FOR AGEING STUDIES**

# **5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE**

**THEME:**

**FACILITATING FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES  
FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

**WEDNESDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> AND THURSDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2021**

**VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

**Zoom Link:**

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**DAY ONE (WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2021)**  
**– CONFERENCE OPENING AND PRESENTATIONS**

<b>Programme Moderator – Rev. Prof Akye Essuman, Department of Community Medicine, University of Ghana Medical School</b>		
<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY/PRESENTATION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<b>9:00 am to 9:10 am</b>	Welcome Address	Prof. Mavis Dako-Gyeke Director, Centre for Ageing Studies, University of Ghana
<b>9:10 am to 9:15 am</b>	Introduction of Chairperson	Dr Delali A. Dovie, Centre for Ageing Studies, University of Ghana
<b>9:15 am to 9:25 am</b>	Chairman’s Response	Prof. C. Charles Mate-Kole, Founding Director, Centre for Ageing Studies, University of Ghana
<b>9:25 am to 9:30 am</b>	Introduction of Provost	Dr Abigail Adubea Mills Department of Social Work, University of Ghana
<b>9:30 am to 9:40 am</b>	Provost’s Remarks	Prof. Daniel Frimpong Ofori, Provost, College of Humanities, University of Ghana
<b>9:40 am to 9:45 am</b>	Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Dr Akosua Agyemang, Department of Social Work/Centre for Ageing Studies, University of Ghana
<b>9:50 am to 10: 10 am</b>	Keynote Speech <b>Facilitating Friendly Communities for the Elderly in an Era of Digitalization</b>	Rev. Dr Samuel Ayete-Nyampong, Trinity Theological Seminary/ Centre for Ageing Studies, University of Ghana
<b>10:15 am to 10: 25 am</b>	Chairman’s Remarks	Prof. C. Charles Mate-Kole, Founding Director, Centre for Ageing Studies, University of Ghana

**SESSION 1: MAKING OLDER PEOPLE’S NEEDS AND PREFERENCES COUNT IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY**

**Session Moderator – Dr Emmanuel Asampong, Department of Social and Behavioural Sciences, College of Health Sciences, University of Ghana**

<b>10:30 am to 10:45 am</b>	A scoping review of nutritional status of the aged in Sub-Saharan Africa: The picture appears gloomy	Paul Obeng, Henneh Kwaku Kyereh, Jacob Owusu Sarfo, & Edward Wilson Ansah
<b>10:50 am to 11:05 am</b>	Enhancing caregiving of the elderly: Are social work values crucial?	Mavis Dako-Gyeke, Richard Baffo Kodom, & Kwamina Abekah-Carter
<b>11: 10 am to 11:25 am</b>	Falls among community-dwelling elderly in selected communities of the Ho Municipality	Bertha Oppong-Yeboah, Abigail Adu-Gyamfi, & Cecilia Owusu-Brayie
<b>11:30 am to 11:45 am</b>	Ageing with a disability: Care arrangements and support needs in contemporary Ghana	Augustina Naami & Abigail Adubea Mills
<b>11:45 am to 12: 00 pm</b>	<i>Questions and Answers</i>	

**SESSION 2: IMAGINING AGEING AND EMERGING ISSUES IN A CHANGING WORLD**

**Session Moderator – Dr Mabel Oti-Boadi, Department of Psychology, College of Humanities, University of Ghana**

<b>12:05 pm to 12: 20 pm</b>	Old age: A painful transition for old women accused of witchcraft in Ghana’s alleged witches’ camps	Baba Iddrisu Musah
<b>12:25 pm to 12:40 pm</b>	Ageing in a changing world	Regina Adjoa Adjeiwaa Boateng
<b>12:45 pm to 13:00 pm</b>	The paradox of ‘witch camps’ in Africa: A critical examination of the relationship between culture and the wellbeing of the elderly	Matthew Mabefam
<b>13:05 pm to 13:20 pm</b>	Witchcraft in Northern Ghana: The mystery of old age, ‘good person’ and the witch	Saibu Mutaru & Naa Adjeley Alakija Sekyi
<b>13:25 pm to 13:40 pm</b>	<i>Questions and Answers</i>	

**SESSION 3: AGEING IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT: A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH AND AGE-RELATED CONSIDERATIONS**

**Session Moderator - Dr Augustina Naami, Department of Social Work, College of Humanities, University of Ghana**

<b>13:45 pm to 14:00 pm</b>	Gender perspectives on male immigrant healthcare assistants in Norwegian elderly care	Vyda Mamley Hervie & Eunice Abbey
<b>14:05 pm to 14:20 pm</b>	COVID-19 pandemic vaccine uptake, hesitancy and myths: The worldview of older Ghanaian adults	Delali A. Dovie
<b>14:25 pm to 14: 40 pm</b>	Older adulthood in Ghana: Emotions, feelings, and psychological well-being	Paul Alhassan Issahaku
<b>14:40 pm to 14:55 pm</b>	<i>Question and Answers</i>	
<b>15:00 pm to 15:15 pm</b>	Presentation by Quality Insurance Company	Mr Kobena Enu Addison
<b>15:20 pm to 15:25 pm</b>	<i>Question and Answers</i>	
<b>15:25 pm</b>	<i>Overview and Closing</i>	Rev. Prof Akye Essuman/Dr Akosua Agyemang

**DAY TWO (THURSDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021): PRESENTATIONS**

**Programme Moderator – Dr Delali A. Dovie, Centre for Ageing Studies, College of Humanities, University of Ghana**

<b>9:00 am to 9:05 am</b>	Introduction of Speaker	Kwamina Abekah-Carter
<b>9:05 am to 9:40 am</b>	Social protection and the aged in the era of digitization: The perspective of LEAP programme	Mr Myles Ongoh (Head of LEAP Management Secretariat)
<b>9:40 am to 10:00 am</b>	<i>Questions and Answers</i>	
<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b>		
<b>10:00 am to 11:00 am</b>	Social connectedness and building friendly communities for older people	Prof. Angela Ofori-Atta (Chairperson), Department of Psychiatry, University of Ghana Medical School  Dr Esi Ansah, Founder of the Association Ghana's Elders, and Lecturer, Ashesi University

		<p>Mrs Esther Obetsebi-Lampsey, President, Widows' Fellowship, Ridge Church</p> <p>Mr Benji Hornsby-Odoi, Ministry of Finance &amp; Economic Planning</p>
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### SESSION 1: MAKING OLDER PEOPLE'S NEEDS AND PREFERENCES COUNT IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY

**Session Moderator – Dr Nana Yaa Nyarko, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, College of Basic and Applied Sciences, University of Ghana**

<b>11:05 am to 11:20 am</b>	Sex differentials of retirement anxieties of ageing self-employed in Ghana: Implications for retirement counselling	Samuel A. Oteng, Esmeranda Manful, & Kofi Osei Akuoko
<b>11:25 am to 11:40 am</b>	Intergenerational Family Support and the Health and Well-Being of Older Adults in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Systematic Review	Mark A. Aviisah, Hinke Haisma, & Tobias Vogt
<b>11:45 am to 12:00 pm</b>	'Wula Kan Nyen': 'How else can I survive': Reflections on ageing in rural Ghana	Akosua Agyemang & Agnes Tei-Muno
<b>12: 05 pm to 12: 20 pm</b>	Assessing perceived social support, food insecurity and nutritional status of the elderly in the Sagnarigu District of the Northern Region, Ghana	Patrick W. Adam, Esi Colecraft, Gloria Otoo, & Francesca Dwamena
<b>12:20 pm to 12:35 pm</b>	<i>Questions and Answers</i>	

### SESSION 2: SOCIAL CONNECTEDNESS AND AGEING FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

**Session Moderator – Dr Vyda Mamley Hervie, Department of Social Work, College of Humanities, University of Ghana**

<b>12:40 pm to 12:55 pm</b>	Improving the wellbeing and social connectedness of the elderly in Ghana through storytelling and games	Dede Gjamaki Tetteh
<b>13:00 pm to 13:15 pm</b>	Social connectedness through social media platforms: Concerns of the elderly	Oti-Boadi, M, Dei, D., & Affram, A. A
<b>13:20 pm to 13: 35 pm</b>	Facilitating ageing-friendly communities: Some urban design considerations	Chuks Ugochukwu

<b>13:40 pm to 13:55 pm</b>	Living arrangements and social support of older adults living in urban slums	Priscilla Y.A Attafuah, Irma H. J Everink, Aaron Abuosi, Christa Lohrmann, & Jos MGA Schols
<b>14:00 pm to 14:15 pm</b>	<i>Questions and Answers</i>	
<b>SESSION 3: IMAGINING AGEING AND EMERGING ISSUES IN A CHANGING WORLD</b>		
<b>Session Moderator</b> – Dr Akosua Agyemang, Department of Social Work/Centre for Ageing Studies, College of Humanities, University of Ghana		
<b>14:20 pm to 14:35 pm</b>	Diminishing cultural values in Ghana: Perspectives of the Akan elderly in the Nsawam-Adoagyiri Municipality	George Ofosu Oti
<b>14:40 pm to 14:55 pm</b>	A study on social relations quality of life of elderly people with disability in Ghana	Bismark Nantomah, Nicholas Danzima Yakubu, Elijah Yendaw, & Joseph Obeng-Baah
<b>15:00 pm to 15: 15 pm</b>	Stroke characteristics of elderly persons admitted to the Stroke Unit, Korle Bu Teaching hospital	A Akpalu, R Laryea, P Adjei, & K Nkromah
<b>15: 20 pm to 15:35 pm</b>	Emerging issues: Older women in leadership	Carine Amo-Nyampong
<b>15:40 pm to 15: 55 pm</b>	<i>Questions and Answers</i>	
<b>16:00 pm</b>	Closing Ceremony	Prof Mavis Dako-Gyeke