

**Thrive in Place: A Collaborative Age-Friendly Summit
September 9th, 2025**

Time	Session	
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Registration	
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Session 1 – Age-Friendly and The Interplay between Structural and Functional Domains	
	Potential Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be confirmed
	Session Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Casual Armchair Discussion Q&A Period at the End of Session
10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Health Break	
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Session 2 – Highlighting Current Initiatives in the African Context	
	Potential Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be Confirmed (NGO, CSO Representation from South Africa and/or Africa)
	Session Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Moderator 2-3 panellists Brief Introduction by Panellists, Including a Discussion of the Work They are Currently Undertaking in Their Organizations That is Connected to Age-Friendly Programming. Casual Armchair Discussion Q&A Period at the End of Session Include a Brief Description of What the Working Lunch Will Entail Before Everyone Exits the Session
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch and Learn	
	Description	While conference participants are eating their lunch, they will be able approach panellists and experts with questions and comments about age-friendly community engagement.
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Building Bridges Workshop: Enhancing Community Engagement and Partnership Building	
	Description	<p>This 2-hour session aims to provide global experts with an opportunity to discuss community engagement strategies and explore effective partnership-building techniques in the context of age-friendly planning. The workshop will be highly interactive, with a focus on sharing insights and learning through practical activities.</p> <p>The goal is to equip participants with actionable ideas for fostering collaboration in their own communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop to be moderated by Dr. Kathleen Brasher and collectively run by participant engagement
	Workshop Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lightning presentation (5-10 minutes) and introduction to the workshop and goal setting. Collaborative group activity (EX. Identifying local stakeholders and organizations to partner with across the 8 domains) Moderated discussion (Discuss challenges and opportunities available in fostering connections across the identified stakeholders)

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Time	Session
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Health Break
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Conclusion: Building Bridges Workshop Action Plan
	<p>Description</p> <p>Conclude the session by summarizing key insights and providing participants with the opportunity to map actionable next steps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderated by Dr. Kathleen Brasher
	<p>Session Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roundtable review of everyone's stakeholder mapping and continued discussion of challenges and opportunities Sharing of resources and contacts amongst participants Creation of individualized plans of action to increase community collaboration and age-friendly engagement.
3:30 p.m.	Close

WHO Global Network Affiliates Meeting – Date to be Confirmed

Agenda is to be confirmed (TBC).

Concurrent Sessions on Age-Friendly- Dates and Times to be Confirmed

Delegates wishing to submit an abstract for the conference must first register for the conference; however, payment is not required at this time.

The deadline for all submissions is **30 April 2025**. Abstracts will be reviewed on rolling basis with a notification issued within **one week** of submission and will be reviewed by members of Program Committee and assigned to the appropriate session.

Additional details on abstract submission may be found here: <https://www.ifaconf.ngo/submit-an-abstract>



CREATE A MORE AGE-FRIENDLY WORLD

Join the IFA's Collaborative Summit to connect with international experts, NGOs, and CSOs for a dynamic day of collaboration and knowledge sharing on age-friendly initiatives. The summit will feature:

- Insightful discussions on the interplay between structural and functional domains in age-friendly planning, as well as highlights of impactful initiatives from the South African context.
- Engage directly with experts during the interactive Lunch & Learn session, and take part in the Building Bridges Workshop, a hands-on session led by Dr. Kathleen Brasher, focused on community engagement and partnership building.
- The day will conclude with an action-planning session, equipping participants with concrete strategies to foster age-friendly initiatives in their communities.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to connect, collaborate, and create meaningful impact in the global movement for age-friendly communities.