



INTERNATIONAL STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION SCHEDULE

WHO Regional Consultation

*Strengthening the Integrated Continuum
of Long-Term Care for Older People*

8th September 2026

Caregiving & Long-Term Care Law in India

*Towards a Legal
Framework for Care*

9th & 10th September 2026

📍 National Law University, Jodhpur

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CONVENTION CENTRE, NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY JODHPUR · 12:00 NOON – 6:00 PM

12:00 – 1:00 PM ♦ REGISTRATION & NETWORKING LUNCH

Inaugural Session · Welcome and Introduction

1:00 – 1:30 PM

Group Photograph

Welcome Address

Dr Neeti Mathur · Convenor, National Law University Jodhpur

Presidential Address & Introduction of NLU Jodhpur

Prof. (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur · Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, National Law University Jodhpur

Special Address & Introduction of Caregivers Asha Society

Dr Arvind Mathur · Founder & President, Caregivers Asha Society

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: DR PRIYADARSHI PATNI, SECRETARY, CAREGIVERS ASHA SOCIETY

SESSION I · 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Opening & Setting the Stage

1:30 – 1:45 PM	Objectives and Expectations	Dr Hyobum Jang & Dr Amrita Kansal
1:45 – 2:00 PM	Advancing Equitable Long-Term Care Systems for Older People in the WHO South-East Asia Region	Dr Amrita Kansal
2:00 – 2:30 PM	Discussion	All participants

SESSION II · 2:30 – 6:00 PM

Expert Consultation on the WHO Global Standards for Long-Term Care

2:30 – 2:55 PM	Overview of the WHO Global Standards for Long-Term Care	Dr Hyobum Jang
2:55 – 3:05 PM	Consultation Format	Dr Hyobum Jang
3:05 – 4:35 PM	Group Discussions	Participants, group moderators & rapporteurs

4:35 – 4:50 PM ♦ TEA & COFFEE BREAK

4:50 – 5:25 PM	Reporting Back by Tables	Rapporteurs
5:25 – 5:45 PM	Moderated Discussion on Key Points	Dr Hyobum Jang
5:45 – 6:00 PM	WHO Synthesis and Use of the Feedback · Close of Day One & Announcement for Day Two	WHO · NLUJ · CAS

International Stakeholder Consultation · Day 1

Caregiving and Long-Term Care Law in India: Legal Foundations, Global Perspectives and Lived Experience

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WHO Regional Consultation: Concluding Sessions

10:00 – 10:45 AM · CONVENTION CENTRE

Session III: Finalisation of Regional Recommendations

Session IV: Next Steps and the Way Forward

11:00 AM onwards

WHO delegates join the International Stakeholder Consultation

PLENARY · 11:00 – 11:30 AM

Caregiving in India: A System Without a Framework

Caregiving in India: From Recognition to Integration

Prof. A. B. Dey · Chairman, Department of Geriatric Medicine and Longevity Sciences, Artemis Medicare Services, Gurugram

11:30 – 11:45 AM ♦ TEA BREAK

SESSION 1 · 11:45 AM – 12:10 PM

Legal Framework Mapping

India's Legal Framework for Ageing, Caregiving and Long-Term Care: Coverage and Gaps

Dr. Mahendra Soni · Associate Professor of Law, National Law University Jodhpur

Constitutional Foundations of Ageing and Care: Dignity, Equality, Health and Social Security

Dr Renjith Thomas · Assistant Professor, National Law University Jodhpur

From Welfare to Rights: Case Law and Emerging Judicial Trends

Adv Vikas Balia · Senior Advocate, Rajasthan High Court

Session 2: Global Trends and the International Lens on Caregiving Law

International experience, WHO initiatives and lessons from comparative policy

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PART I · 12:10 – 12:45 PM

International Experience and WHO Initiatives

CHAIR: DR HYOBUM JANG, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

- **WHO Initiatives for Long-Term Care and Caregiver Support**
Dr Amrita Kansal · World Health Organization
- **Caregiving and Long-Term Care Law in Thailand**
Prof. Prasert Assantachai · Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University, Thailand
- **Perspectives of Caregiving from the Experiences of the Tsao Foundation in Singapore**
Ms Preeti H. Wasnik & Ms Susana Harding · Tsao Foundation, Singapore

12:45 – 1:30 PM ✦ LUNCH BREAK

PART II · 1:30 – 2:30 PM

Country Experiences from South Asia and Beyond

CHAIR: DR HYOBUM JANG, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

- **Caregiving and Long-Term Care Law in Nepal: Policy Developments and Gaps**
Dr Urza Bhattarai · Consultant Geriatrician, HAMS Hospital, Kathmandu; Clinical Research Coordinator, KHDC Nepal, Dharan
- **Caregiving and Long-Term Care Law in Sri Lanka: Emerging Priorities**
Dr Sriromi Manjula De Silva Maduwage · Sri Lanka
- **Caregiving and Long-Term Care Law: The South African Perspective**
Dr Leon Geffen · Member, Global Network for Long-Term Care (GNLTC)
- **Caregiving and Long-Term Care Law in Bangladesh: Challenges and Policy Directions**
Dr Md Khurshid Alam Hyder (online) · Public Health Specialist; formerly WHO Bangladesh & SEARO

Sessions 3 & 4

Legal Foundations, Global Perspectives and Lived Experience

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SESSION 3 · 2:30 – 3:45 PM

Health Systems and Caregiving Integration

Bringing caregiving into health and social systems; the caregiver's role in medical practice

CHAIR: DR JAGADISH K. CHHETRI, NEPAL GERIATRICS AND GERONTOLOGY FOUNDATION ·

CO-CHAIR: DR LAXMI KANT GOYAL

- **Integrating Family Caregivers into Public Geriatric Services: Lessons from the National Centre for Ageing, Chennai**
Prof. S. Deepa · Director, National Centre for Ageing, Chennai; Member, Technical Advisory Group, NPHCE
- **Integrating Family Caregiving into Nursing Practice: Challenges and Opportunities for Health-System Reform**
Prof. (Dr) Latha T. · Professor-cum-Principal, AIIMS Bibinagar, Hyderabad
- **Making Family Caregivers Visible in Primary Health Care: A Community-Medicine Perspective**
Dr Manoj Kumar Gupta · Additional Professor, Community Medicine & Family Medicine; Coordinator, MPH Programme, School of Public Health, AIIMS Jodhpur
- **Integrating Caregiving into Health Systems: A Government Perspective**
Dr Senthilnathan Subramanian · Additional Director General, NPHCE, Directorate General of Health Services, Government of India
- **Family Caregivers as Partners in Geriatric Care: Lessons from Clinical Practice in Sri Lanka**
Dr Maheshi Wijayabandara · Consultant Geriatrician; Joint Secretary, Sri Lanka Association of Geriatric Medicine
- **Building Age-Friendly Communities: Integrating Family Caregivers into Health and Palliative Care**
Dr Praveen Gopalakrishna Pai · Healthy Ageing and Age-Friendly Communities Expert, Kochi
- **The Role of Regional Geriatric Centres in Integrating and Supporting Family Caregivers**
Prof. Arunansu Talukdar · Professor & Head, Geriatric Medicine, Medical College, Kolkata

SESSION 4 · 3:45 – 4:30 PM

Lived Experiences of Caregiving

Ground-level realities, emotional consequences and ethical challenges

CHAIR: DR ANIL PUROHIT · CO-CHAIR: DR HARISH AGARWAL

- **Dignity, Dependency and Shared Responsibility: Ethical Challenges in the Lived Experience of Care**
Dr K. R. Gangadharan · Heritage Foundation, Hyderabad
- **Caregiving on the Ground: Experiences of Supporting Older Persons and Their Families**
Ms Anuradha Advani · Anubandh, Jodhpur
- **Dementia Care Beyond Diagnosis: Experiences, Challenges, and Support Systems**
Dr Vidya Shenoy · Alzheimer's Caregiving Society, Mumbai
- **The Emotional and Mental Health Dimensions of Caregiving**
Dr Pranshu Singh · Department of Psychiatry, AIIMS Jodhpur

4:30 – 4:45 PM ♦ HIGH TEA

Inaugural Function

Formal inaugural of the Two-Day International Stakeholder Consultation

AUDITORIUM, NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY JODHPUR · 7:00 PM

CHIEF GUEST

Hon'ble Mr Justice Vineet Kumar Mathur

Judge, Rajasthan High Court

Order of Proceedings

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: MR APURV MATHUR, TREASURER, CAREGIVERS ASHA SOCIETY

7:00 PM	Arrival of the Chief Guest
7:00 – 7:05 PM	Group Photograph
7:05 – 7:10 PM	Welcome Address Dr Neeti Mathur · Convenor, National Law University Jodhpur
7:10 – 7:20 PM	Objectives of the Consultation Prof. (Dr.) Harpreet Kaur · Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, National Law University Jodhpur
7:20 – 7:30 PM	WHO Perspective on Caregiving and Long-Term Care Dr Hyobum Jang · Ageing and Health Unit, World Health Organization
7:30 – 7:35 PM	Release of the CareAsha Comic Book
7:35 – 7:50 PM	Special Address by the Chief Guest Hon'ble Mr Justice Vineet Kumar Mathur · Judge, Rajasthan High Court
7:50 – 7:55 PM	Vote of Thanks Dr Arvind Mathur · Founder & President, Caregivers Asha Society

7:55 PM onwards Cultural Programme, followed by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor's Dinner at the Convention Centre, NLU Jodhpur

International Stakeholder Consultation · Day 2

Caregiving and Long-Term Care Law in India: Policy, Technology and Legal Reform

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9:30 – 9:45 AM ♦ HIGH TEA

PLENARY II · 9:45 – 11:00 AM

Recap of Day One · From Elder Rights to Caregiver Recognition

Demographic, social, disability-rights and ethical perspectives on India's care transition

CHAIR: MR M. L. KUMAWAT · CO-CHAIR: DR AVISHA MATHUR

- **From Healthy Ageing to Long-Term Care: Recognising Family Caregivers within Person-Centred Health Systems**
Dr Khaleda Islam · Former Director, Primary Health Care, Directorate General of Health Services, Bangladesh
- **India's Ageing Transition: Families, Caregiving and the Demographic Imperative**
Prof. T. V. Sekher · Professor & Head, Department of Family and Generations; Centre for Ageing Studies, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai
- **Gendered Care Transitions in India: Ethical Imperatives, Legislative Gaps, and Global Pathways for Caregiver Recognition**
Prof. Mala Kapur Shankardass · Sociologist, Gerontologist and Ageing Policy Expert
- **Caregiving and Disability: Advancing the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Their Caregivers**
Dr Rashmi Mathur · Associate Professor, National Law University Jodhpur

SESSION 5 · 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Government Policies and Implementation

Schemes, gaps and coordination issues

CHAIR: PROF. M. K. ASERI, VICE-CHANCELLOR, MARWAR MEDICAL UNIVERSITY · CO-CHAIR: DR SANDEEP TAK

- **Caregiving for Older Persons in Rajasthan: Aligning State Action with National Policies and Schemes**
Dr Sunil Singh · Medical and Health Department, Government of Rajasthan
- **Supporting Caregivers of Older Persons: The Role of Public Hospitals in Implementing Government Schemes**
Prof. Fateh Singh Bhati · Medical Superintendent, Mahatma Gandhi Hospital; Dr S. N. Medical College, Jodhpur
- **Redesigning Aged-Care Systems: Governance, Integration and the Place of Family Caregivers**
Dr Madhan Balasubramanian · Senior Lecturer & Deputy Director, Health Care Management, Flinders University, Australia
- **Government Policy Coordination: The Role of Law and Institutions**
Dr Sunita Pankaj, RAS · Registrar, National Law University Jodhpur
- **Evidence-Informed Caregiving Policy: Research Priorities for India**
Prof. Pankaj Bhardwaj · Director, ICMR-National Institute of Health Research, Jodhpur
- **Translating Long-Term Care Policy into Action: The Role of Civil Society Networks and Partnerships**
Ms Caitlin Wald · Specialist, Member Engagement and Network Impact, International Federation on Ageing

12:30 – 1:15 PM ♦ LUNCH BREAK

Afternoon Sessions

Caregiving and Long-Term Care Law in India: Towards a Legal Framework for Care

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SESSION 6 · 1:15 – 1:45 PM

Economic and Social Recognition of Caregivers

CHAIR: DR SENTHILNATHAN SUBRAMANIAN

- **Caregivers in India: Economic Insecurity, Social Recognition and Lived Realities**
Ms Malti Jaswal · Inspiring Seniors, New Delhi
- **Changing Families, Intergenerational Support and the Future of Care in Asia and the Pacific**
Dr Abhijit Visaria · Technical Adviser, Population Dynamics, UNFPA Asia-Pacific Regional Office, Bangkok
- **From Unpaid Care to Social Protection: International Approaches to Recognising and Supporting Caregivers**
Mr Harsh Kothari · Social Policy Specialist, World Bank

SESSION 7 · 1:45 – 2:30 PM

Technology, AI and Cyber Risks in Caregiving

Digital care, telemedicine, fraud and safeguards

CHAIR: DR GULSHAN RAI, FORMER NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY COORDINATOR, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ·
CO-CHAIR: PROF. (DR.) PRIYADARSHI PATNI

- **Digital Caregiving and Technology: The United States Perspective**
Ms Megha Mathur (online) · Associate, Barnes and Thornburg, Chicago, United States
- **Cyber Risks, Digital Fraud and Data Protection in Caregiving**
Prof. Shilohu Rao · Professor, National Law University Jodhpur
- **Assistive Technologies for Older Persons and Caregivers**
Dr Ravinder Singh · Indian Council of Medical Research
- **The CareAsha App: Using Digital Technology to Support Family Caregivers**
Dr Arvind Mathur · Founder & Chairperson, Caregivers Asha Society

SESSION 8 · 2:30 – 3:15 PM

Round Table Discussion

Open discussion on pending and cross-cutting issues

MODERATOR: DR PRAKASH TYAGI · WITH MS STEPHANIE CHOO, UN ESCAP

Moderated questions and answers leading to priority recommendations for an Indian framework on caregiving and long-term care.

3:15 – 3:30 PM ♦ TEA BREAK

3:30 – 4:00 PM

Presentation of Recommendations

- **Consultation Recommendations and Proposed Next Steps**
Mrs Rajshree Acharya · National Law University Jodhpur

Concluding & Valedictory Session

Adoption of the suggestions and recommendations of the two-day consultation

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4:45 – 5:00 PM	Valedictory Address Dr Gulshan Rai · Cyber Security & e-Governance Expert; Former National Cyber Security Coordinator, Government of India
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