

The United Nations, Human Rights Regional Office for Europe, and the Norwegian Embassy present:

Moldovan Miracle

The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with:

Hans Bjørn Bakketeig

Star of Moldovan Miracle



Hans is a Norwegian optometrist and is the only optometrist in Moldova. He has worked in low vision services for about 30 years, both in Norway and abroad. From 2001, Moldova has been his main project. His focus has been to give the visually impaired in Moldova the possibility to take part in school, education, work and social life. He opened a Low vision Centre in the capital Chisinau in 2009. He has been engaged in the humanitarian organisation Help-Moldova since 2013. In 2017, he opened a new education course for optometry at the medical university in Chisinau, which he hopes will have 13 optometrists by 2021.

Ludmila Tiganu

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Communications Specialist at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)



Ludmila works for the UNDP in Brussels. Before joining the office in Brussels, she worked for over 15 years for the UN and UNDP in her home country, Moldova, where she created the first-ever UN Press Club in the region, a quarterly UN Magazine and led campaigns on development goals, women's empowerment and human rights. She is currently focusing on fostering and communicating the EU-UNDP partnership in the nearly 140 countries worldwide.

Claude Cahn

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Human Rights Officer in the Regional Office for Europe of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner (OHCHR)



Claude has been Human Rights Officer since August 2017. He was previously Human Rights Adviser in the Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Serbia (2015-2017) and the Republic of Moldova (2009-2015), and in a range of civil society positions in Central and Eastern Europe in the period 1996-2009. In the course of his career, he has been extensively involved in the development of equality law, in particular in Central and Southeastern Europe, as well as of international law in the area of economic, social and cultural rights.

Carlos Jimenez

Spanish Desk Officer, the United Nations Regional Information Centre



Carlos is the Desk Officer for Spain and Andorra at UNRIC, the United Nations Regional Information Centre in Brussels. Mr Jimenez started his career at the United Nations in 1984 and has since worked at UN offices in New York, Madrid and Geneva. He studied journalism at the School of Communications of American University in Washington and was a correspondent at EFE, Spanish News Agency.

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In Moldova, universal health coverage is not ensured, which represents an important barrier for better and continuous progress in the area. Currently, about 85 per cent of the population are covered by the mandatory health insurance system.



For Moldova, Sustainable Development Goal 3- Good health and well-being- of the 2030 Agenda aims to decrease the health-related risks through providing broader access to health care services, including access to quality basic services, and broader access to safe, effective, quality and affordable basic medication and vaccines.

Also, the Agenda envisages increased efforts on providing information and education related to health issues, such as healthy lifestyles, promotion of mental health, and sexual and reproductive health care services. In this regard, the goal supports stronger confidentiality between patient and doctor, and elimination of existing barriers related to access to sexual and reproductive health care services. Overall, the agenda on health is not the sole responsibility of health institutions, as wider collaboration with other relevant partners will take place in order to decrease pollution, ensure food safety and enforce control in regard to substance abuse, which will decrease the pressures on the health system. (md.undp.org)



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