Above: Member States participating in the debate about the normative content of a new convention – was your government in the room?

Highlights

- The day began with an NGO Morning Briefing where Marcos Acle Mautone from the OHCHR shared his experiences of negotiating the Organisation of American States regional convention on older people’s rights.
- In the formal session, NGOs participated in an interactive debate with Member States about possible normative content for a new UN convention focusing on the two areas of rights discussed in the 8th OEWG session. NGOs outlined the inadequacies in existing legal frameworks and made concrete recommendations for how a convention could address these gaps in terms of older people’s right to freedom from violence and abuse and to equality and non-discrimination.
- In their closing statement, Mauritius expressed support for an international legal instrument for the first time in the OEWG.
- The 10th OEWG session will focus substantively on the topics of education and lifelong learning, and social protection.
- Work will continue between sessions on the OEWG9 topics aiming for more concrete outcomes from the 10th session.

Watch the session online at: http://webtv.un.org

UN website: https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/ninthsession.shtml

Comments from our members:

‘We need older persons to be involved in the panels during the OEWG sessions: this would be important to ensure debates include their views and needs.’

Ebbe Johansen, AGE Platform Europe President.

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