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11th session of the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWG), 29th March - 1st April 2021



Above: Ambassador Squeff of Argentina and Chair of the UN OEWG gives her opening remarks

Highlights

- The opening segment saw unprecedented high-level representation with the participation of the President of the General Assembly, the UN Assistant Secretary General for Human Rights on behalf of the UN Secretary General, and another video statement from the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. There were a number of ministerial-level video statements from State delegations and statements from Permanent Representatives in New York.
- The accreditation applications of a further 38 NGOs were approved. The consistently high number of applications demonstrates to Member States that civil society interest in these discussions and the desire to participate continues to grow.
- A number of Member States highlighted the gaps exposed by the pandemic, including in legal standards. Many reiterated calls for a new UN convention and others expressed an openness to new standard-setting.
- National Human Rights Institutions and NGOs strongly reinforced the calls by Member States from different regions for the drafting of a new UN convention to start immediately.

OEWG Programme Monday 29th March

1. **Opening Session** Includes the participation of NHRIs and NGOs in the work of the OEWG and approval of new accreditations
2. **General Discussion** Consists mainly of general opening statements from Member States, then NHRIs and NGOs.

From Twitter

@daveomokaro

“Nigeria unequivocally supports UN Convention on Rights of older persons & ready to engage in constructive dialogue with member states towards drafting of internationally binding instrument“
Statement delivered by Hon. Min Humanitarian Affairs @ 11th Session of OEWGA @GAROP_Sec’

Below: GAROP Chair delivers our joint statement



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- UN website: <https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group>
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