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

Above: Maria Isolina Dabove of INPEA speaks on Access to Justice

Highlights

- The Right to Work and Access to the Labour Market and Access to Justice were the topics being covered in the substantive interactive debates today. The presentations and discussions covered a range of issues, from the specific challenges facing older women in the labour market to the barriers that older people face in accessing justice, including the ageism entrenched in the justice system itself.
- Civil society organisations and National Human Rights Institutions engaged actively throughout the dialogue bringing national evidence and presenting once again a consistent and compelling case for a new international legal instrument.
- However, civil society organisations are alarmed at the absence and lack of engagement by Member States in these substantive discussions. This is despite the scale and severity of the violations of older people’s human rights that many States have presided over in countries around the world during this pandemic.

Get involved:

- Watch live online at: http://webtv.un.org (from 10:00 ET)
- UN website: https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group
- Get involved on Twitter using #AgeWithRights and #OEWG11

Comment from the Chair of the Global Alliance:

‘Our members are deeply concerned about the fact that so many Member States are missing in action during the debates this week. This is the main opportunity that older people and civil society have to discuss their human rights in the UN. Governments must hear our voices and agree a constructive way forward tomorrow.’

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