How to vote for a UN convention on the rights of older persons in the UN75 consultation

Background

In January 2020, the UN launched a yearlong, global initiative to listen to people’s priorities and expectations of international cooperation. Through surveys and dialogues, more than 1.5 million people from all walks of life shared their hopes and fears for the future, and discussed how all actors, including the UN, can innovate and work together to better address the global challenges we face.

Among the recommendations included in the final report of the UN75 dialogue (page 30), it is stated that:

“Governments should take steps to ratify and support the universal rights of people with disabilities and promote the creation of an UN Convention to protect the rights of older people.”

This recommendation reflects people’s priorities and is a useful ammunition to build the case and increase political support for a new UN convention.

Now a digital consultation is open until 21 May asking stakeholders from different sectors to develop practical recommendations to accelerate delivery of the commitments made in the UN75 Declaration.

Since older people’s concerns were reflected in the initial, it would be important to ensure the same level of visibility with regards to this stage in the process.

Please share widely!

How to participate in the consultation

To participate in the consultation you need to register using this link. You will be directed to a page where you can sign up, clicking on sign up button as indicated in the picture.

You will then be asked to give your contact details and choose a password.

A verification code will be sent to your email address, which you need to add in order to complete the registration process.

More information at: https://un75.online/take-action/
Once you are registered, you can log in to your account and answer to the consultation available at:

https://wethepeoples.swae.io/home

To do so, click on the ‘Start the consultation’ button as indicated below:

In order to vote directly for the proposal for a new convention, you can click on the theme ‘Our Society’, as indicated in the picture below:

Then select Challenge 7: How can we make societies more equal?
Among the proposals you will find one for a new UN convention, as indicated below:

Challenge 7: How can we make societies more equal?

Closes 21st May

View Proposals
You can then support this proposal, by clicking on ‘Quick vote’

A United Nations convention on the rights of older persons would ensure that we can all enjoy our rights equally regardless our age. It would provide a clear baseline, enshrined in law, to guide better policies, laws and services in future. It would put…

You need to then move the bar to 100% to show your full support for the proposal for a convention.
You can then decide to exit the consultation platform, vote for other proposals, or make your own recommendations by replying to other questions of the UN consultation.

Thanks for your support!