

Daily Bulletin – Day One

12th session of the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWG), 11th April - 14th April 2022



Above: Michelle Bachelet became the first UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to address the OEWG in person today with a powerful statement

Highlights

- The opening segment began with a message from the President of the General Assembly followed by group statements, including the G77+China, the LGBTI Core Group, the EU, and the Group of Friends of Older Persons in New York.
- The accreditation applications of 22 NGOs were then all approved by Member States, despite an objection having been raised about one of them. Congratulations to all newly accredited NGOs!
- It was positive to hear Member States from different regions reaffirm their support for a new UN convention on older people's rights, including Bangladesh, Chile, Nigeria and Slovenia among others.
- Germany and the UK highlighted the OHCHR study and called for the OEWG to make concrete progress. There was also a strong call for action from the Philippines to move forward with a new UN convention and reference to our [Open Letter](#) now signed by over 300 stakeholders.
- In a number of powerful statements towards the end of the day, National Human Rights Institutions and NGOs strongly reinforced the calls by Member States for concrete action and for the drafting of a new UN convention to start without delay.

OEWG Programme Monday 11th April

1. Opening Session

Includes the participation of NHRIs and NGOs in the work of the OEWG and adoption of the agenda

2. General Discussion

Opening statements from Member States, then NHRIs and NGOs, and a discussion of measures to enhance promotion and protection of the rights of older persons.

From Twitter

@NenaGeorgantzi

"Thanks @SLOtoUN for statement at #OEWG12. 'lack of UN convention is serious impediment to fulfilment of human rights of older persons. We need to develop proposals for new instrument'. #EULeadsTheRally @EU_Justice"

[Below: Heidrun Mollenkopf of BAGSO was one of the NGO representatives to speak today]



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