Daily Bulletin – Day Two

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

Above: Vassili Louziotis, Advisory Board Member, SU+ Hellas, Greece talks about ageism and age discrimination in the labour market

Highlights

• The second day began with a session on normative inputs on the topics access to justice, and the right to work and access to the labour market. Following expert inputs, the discussion covered some of the challenges that older people face and the way in which a new UN convention could enable older people to claim their rights on an equal basis with others. Issues covered included the need to strengthen the rights of older people with dementia in the labour market, and access to justice for older people whose rights were violated in care homes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

• In the afternoon another expert panel considered the contributions of older persons to sustainable development, including volunteering, caregiving, and tackling climate change. Evidence about the invisibility of older people throughout the Sustainable Development Goals and implementation and monitoring and the negative impact of ageism was presented. There were more calls for a binding UN convention on older people’s rights in this context from NGOs and NHRLs. More Member States are participating in the interactive discussions than last year.

• There were three diverse side events listed on the UN website today organised by the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics, ILC Canada, and ASSET Trust.

Get involved:

• Watch live online at: [http://webtv.un.org](http://webtv.un.org) (from 10:00 ET)
• UN website: [https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group](https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group)
• Get involved on Twitter using #AgeWithRights and #OEWG12

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OEWG Programme

Tuesday 12th April


A panel of seven experts, with introduction by OHCHR followed by interactive discussion.

2. Contributions of Older Persons to Sustainable Development

A panel of six experts with introduction by UNDESA followed by an interactive discussion.

From Twitter

@tabworo

“It is high time to fill the gap. It is time to stop talking and start drafting. Well put @HelpAge #UNConvention #OEWG12 #AgeWithRights”

[Below: Dr. Emem Omokaro, Director General of Nigeria’s National Senior Citizens Centre addresses the ILC Canada side event on older women]