

Daily Bulletin – Day Three

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



Above: Marijke De Pauw of HelpAge International delivers the joint GAROP oral statement on behalf of our members

Highlights

- The third day began with a session on economic security with an introduction from OHCHR and initial presentations by six experts. The issues raised included different measurements of poverty, the right to an adequate income, the particular insecurities facing older women, and the importance of addressing intersectional inequalities affecting older people with disabilities and older LGBT+ people for example.
- In the afternoon another expert panel considered the promotion and protection of the rights of older persons during the COVID 19 pandemic and beyond. The shocking violations of rights were discussed, including older people being denied life-saving treatment based on their age and being neglected in care homes. There were repeated strong calls for a new convention to ensure this never happens again. A positive development was Austria publicly supporting a new international binding instrument for the first time.
- NGOs are urging governments to agree on a clear way forward to fulfil the OEWG's mandate and move forward with drafting a convention on the final day of the session tomorrow.
- Another side event organised by Human Rights Watch took place today and focused on older people's economic security: inadequate income and human rights.



OEWG Programme Wed 13th April

1. **Focus Area: Economic Security**
Introduction of working document by OHCHR followed by interactive panel discussion with six experts.
2. **Promotion and protection of the rights of older persons during the COVID 19 pandemic and beyond**
Interactive panel discussion with six experts.



From Twitter

@SilverInnings
'We had enough discussion and deliberation for more than a decade, Millions of Older Persons can't any more suffer in silence, and it's time to draft a Convention for Rights of Older Persons #OEWG12 #AgeWithRights'

[Below: Claire Sookhyun OH, Korean National Human Rights Commission, speaks in the COVID-19 discussion]



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- Watch live online at: <http://webtv.un.org> (from 10:00 ET)
- UN website: <https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group>
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