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13th session of the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWG), 3rd April - 6th April 2023

OEWG Programme
Thursday 6th April

1. Discussion on the Way Forward
   Interactive discussion.
2. Preparation for OEWG14 and closing of OEWG13
   Selection of focus areas for the next working session and provisional agenda for OEWG14.

Ambassador Squeff of Argentina and Chair of the OEWG confirms the adoption of the decision presented by the cross-regional Core Group

Highlights

- Chile opened the discussion on the Way Forward on the final day presenting the draft decision from the informal cross-regional core group. The decision requests the OEWG Chair to appoint two co-facilitators by 1st May 2023, one from a developed country and one from a developing country, to facilitate the consideration of the existing international framework and identify gaps in protection of older people’s rights and how best to address them. The co-facilitators are invited to conduct open, transparent and inclusive informal intergovernmental meetings between the 13th and 14th OEWG sessions and to collaborate with NHRLs, NGOs and the UN Independent Expert.

- There were several initial responses, mostly positive. NGOs and NHRLs urged States to adopt the decision and made suggestions for the effective functioning of the work as it moves forward. The Working Group then adopted the decision by consensus! Several Core Group members made statements in support of the decision and the process ahead. GAROP members will now plan civil society input and participation in the work.

- During this session, it was also confirmed that Nigeria, a strong supporter of a new UN convention, will become the OEWG Bureau member representing the African region.

Get involved:

- Join our Age With Rights campaign and listen to the voices of older people here
- UN website: https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group
- Get involved on Twitter using #AgeWithRights and #OEWG13

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‘Nigeria receives the confidence and the nomination of African Member-States to lead Africa on the Bureau of the United Nations Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWG). This was effected during the 13th session of the UN Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing.’

[Below: Craig Mokhiber, OHCHR, delivers the keynote speech at the side event on mainstreaming ageing]