

Daily Bulletin – Day Three

14th session of the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWG), 20th-24th May 2024



Above: Margaret Young, Chair of GAROP, delivers the statement from the GAROP Steering Group and civil society in New York.

Highlights

- The third day started with a lively interactive debate on Accessibility, infrastructure and habitat with five expert panelists, including two GAROP members from International Longevity Centre, Brazil and Agewell Foundation, India.
- In the afternoon, the second interactive panel discussion on “Participation in public life and decision-making processes” took place, including one GAROP member, BAGSO from Germany.
- In the second part of the afternoon, Russia shared concerns about the decision adopted earlier in the week. Their suggestion that the process had been rushed and not meticulous enough generated audible gasps of disbelief from NGOs and NHRIs, some of whom have been actively contributing to this work for 14 years.
- NGO and NHRIs were consistent in the message that the OEWG should recommend that the General Assembly request the Human Rights Council to consider and take action on the recommendations contained in the decision adopted on Tuesday, and that the agreed recommendations should be presented to the General Assembly as a matter of urgency.
- In the final statement of the day, the GAROP Steering Group also called for the full, effective and meaningful participation of older persons, their representative organisations, civil society, and national human rights institutions in any further action.

OEWG Programme Wed 22nd May

1. Focus Area: Accessibility, infrastructure and habitat (transport, housing and access)

Introduction of working document by OHCHR followed by interactive panel discussion with five experts.

2. Focus area: Participation in public life and decision-making processes

Interactive panel discussion with three experts.

3. Consideration of the proposed intergovernmental negotiated recommendations

Interactive discussion.

Two side events took place at lunchtime: a virtual event ‘Health and Rights of Older Persons in Captivity’ organised by Women’s Electoral Power for the Advancement of Women’s Leadership in Israel; and ‘Violence, Abuse, Ageism – a Major Gap for Human Rights of Older Persons’ organised by Austria and Brazil.

Get involved:

- OEWG14 will not meet on Thursday 23rd, the session will resume on Friday 24th May.
- UN website: <https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group>
- Get involved on X using #AgeWithRights and #OEWG14

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