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**PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP ahead of the
14th session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWG14), 20th-22nd
and 24th May 2024**

Sunday 19th May 2024 – 13:30 to 16:30 EDT

Location: AARP offices, 750 Third Avenue, 31st floor, between 46th and 47th Streets, New York.
Light refreshments will be served

Participants: Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs); National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs)

Background:

At OEWG14, UN Member states will engage in a substantive debate about two focus areas, namely: (a) Accessibility, infrastructure and habitat (transport, housing and access); and (b) Participation in public life and decision-making processes. It will also discuss normative elements on the two focus areas that were discussed at its 13th session, namely: (a) Social inclusion; and (b) Right to health and access to health services. OEWG14 will also be considering intergovernmentally negotiated recommendations to be presented by the co-facilitators, the Ambassadors of Brazil and Portugal, about possible gaps and how best to address them. Participants in this preparatory workshop will include national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations.

Aims of the Workshop:

- To support NGO and NHRI engagement in the OEWG process and participation in OEWG14
- To determine shared goals and collective action during OEWG14
- To strengthen coordination and connections among NGOs and NHRIs

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PROGRAMME

Time	Session
13:30-14:00	Registration and networking
14:00-14:05	Moderator – Margaret Young, Chair of GAROP Welcome and acknowledgements
14:05-14:35	“Setting the scene” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Ambassador Ana Paula Zacarias, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the UN and Co-facilitator of the OEWG intersessional work and intergovernmental negotiations – update about the intergovernmental negotiated recommendations - Luciano Hernan Escobar, Permanent Mission of Argentina to the UN – objectives for the 14th session Question and answer
14:35-14:55	Moderator – Bethany Brown, AARP “Moving forward with a UN convention – opportunities and obstacles for advocacy” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Claudia Mahler, UN Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights of older persons - Mr. Rio Hada, Chief, Equality, Development and Rule of Law Section, OHCHR New York Office Question and answer
14:55–15:10	BREAK
15:10-16:15	Moderator – Andrew Kavala, Malawi Human Rights Commission Closed space for NGOs and NHRIs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update from GANHRI about NHRI coordination (Yookyong Park, National Human Rights Commission of Korea) - Introduction of GAROP joint statement and key messages for the week (Tanja Venisnik, Helpage International) - Coordination throughout the week (Ellen Graham, GAROP Coordinator) Open discussion
16:15–16:30	Close and networking