

Weekly Bulletin – Week One

57th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council
Week One: 9th-13th September 2024



Above: UN Independent Expert, Dr Claudia Mahler, presents her report on Legal Capacity in Older Age to the Human Rights Council (HRC) – from UN Web TV.

Highlights from the session

- The main focus on the human rights of older persons this week was at the Interactive Dialogue with the UN Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons on Friday 13th September. The Independent Expert presented her new report on legal capacity in older age and provided feedback from her recent country visits to Moldova and Peru.
- There was much interest in the topic from States with almost 80 making statements. Participation from the African region was strong with over 20 States speaking, many with positive comments. Support for a new UN convention was expressed possibly for the first time from Angola, Cabo Verde, and Mozambique. Portugal and Chile also made strong supportive statements.
- The Global Alliance for National Human Rights Institutions and the National Human Rights Institutions from Burundi and Philippines made statements in the interactive dialogue. Then a small number of GAROP members made statements along with other NGOs.
- **We urgently need more ECOSOC accredited members to help strengthen our visibility and presence at the HRC. We will continue to prioritise this in the coming weeks!**

In the fringes:

1. On Wednesday 11th September there was a side event organized by the Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of All Human Rights by Older Person, in cooperation with Permanent Mission of Slovenia and co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Brazil, the Permanent Mission of the Philippines and GANHRI celebrating 10 years of the Independent Expert mandate.
2. On Thursday 12th September, a group of NGOs met with the new section on older persons' rights at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). There was also a side event organised by the Permanent Mission of Peru and the Independent Expert on the human rights of older persons about the right of older persons to social protection in Latin America.
3. One Friday 13th September there was a side event on [Legal Capacity in Older Age](#) by our member, BAGSO, co-sponsored by GAROP and a number of other organisations.

Get involved:

- Watch the session live on <https://webtv.un.org/en>
- Official website: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/regular-sessions/session57/regular-session>
- Get involved on X/Twitter using #AgeWithRights and #HRC57
- More info: <https://rightsofolderpeople.org/preparing-for-hrc57/>

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