

Weekly Bulletin – Week One

58th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council
Week One: 24th-28th February 2025



Above: Silvia Perel-Levin speaking for civil society in the General Segment of the High-Level Segment on Wednesday 26th February

Highlights from the session

- Silvia Perel-Levin, pictured above, addressed the Human Rights Council, calling for the establishment of an inter-governmental working group to draft an international legally binding instrument on the human rights of older persons.
- In the statements made by States, Bolivia and Slovenia mentioned older persons' rights and the Philippines reiterated support for a UN convention on the rights of older persons.

Draft resolution

- Informal negotiations have now been confirmed at this session on a draft resolution to create a new inter-governmental working group to draft a new convention. The dates are:
 - March 13, 3:00-4:30pm CET, Room XXII
 - March 17, 9:00-10:30am CET, Room XXIV
 - March 19, 4:00-5:30pm CET, Room XXV
- We are not sure yet whether hybrid participation will be possible but continue to raise this. Visit the GAROP webpage (link below) for updates and further information.

On the programme:

The first three days of the session were dedicated to a High-Level Segment with participation of a number of dignitaries from around the world. This included a General Segment with civil society speakers, including Silvia Perel-Levin (left). See the full Programme of Work on the official website (link below).

Promote Our Side Event!

Argentina will be the main sponsor for a side event that we are organising to ensure that the voices of older campaigners will be heard at the heart of the session. It will take place on Thursday 13th March from 2pm-3pm in Room XXIV. Hybrid participation to be confirmed. [Click here for more information and updates.](#)

SIDE EVENT OF THE 58TH SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Lived Experiences, Collective Advocacy: Towards an International Legally Binding Instrument on the Rights of Older Persons

Date: March 13, 2025
Time: 14:00-15:00 CET
Venue: Room XXIV, Palais des Nations

Hybrid participation to be confirmed.

Join us and hear older campaigners from Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America talk about why they are campaigning for a UN convention on the rights of older persons.

Logos: UN, THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR THE RIGHTS OF OLDER PEOPLE, GAROP, AARP, etc.

Get involved:

- Watch the session live on <https://webtv.un.org/en>
- Official website: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/regular-sessions/session58/regular-session>
- Get involved on X/Twitter using #AgeWithRights and #HRC58
- More info: <https://rightsofolderpeople.org/preparing-for-hrc58/>

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