

Weekly Bulletin – Week Three

58th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council
Week Three: 10th-14th March 2025



Above: Members of civil society met with the UN Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons.

Highlights from the session

- Three older campaigners were in Geneva this week and made their presence known talking to their government missions and their Ambassadors. All three of their governments co-sponsored and attended our side event and spoke positively about the draft resolution. The campaigners spoke powerfully at our side event, which generated great discussion and had over 30 member states in attendance!
- The first informal negotiation on the draft resolution to start drafting a new convention was so well-attended that there were not enough seats in the room. Most governments supported the resolution and some very strongly, including many where we have active members advocating for this resolution at national level. Contributions from the African and Latin American regions were particularly positive.
- It was disappointing to see the governments of India, Japan, Russia, Singapore and Switzerland voicing the strongest opposition with outdated arguments that have been robustly challenged over 14 years of work in New York and Geneva.
- This week civil society also had a fruitful meeting with the UN Independent Expert on older people's rights (pictured above).

On the programme:

On Monday, the annual debate on rights of persons with disabilities took place. The week ended with discussion on the promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development. See the full Programme of Work on the official website (link on HRC website below).

Informal Negotiations:

The dates of the informal negotiations on the draft resolution are: March 17 (9:00-10:30am CET), March 19 (4:00-5:30pm CET).

Watch the recording of our Side Event!

Thank you to all who attended and co-sponsored the side event on March 13th. For any who missed it, the recording can be found [here](#).



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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