

Guiding questions for defining the normative content of the issues examined at the twelfth session

Focus Area 2: Economic Security

Definition

1. How are the key human rights relating to older persons' economic security defined in the national legislation in your country? If definitions are not available, how should such rights be defined considering relevant existing national, regional, and international legal frameworks?

Scope of the rights

2. Please provide references to existing national legal standards relating to older persons' economic security on normative elements such as:
 - a) right to social security; including regular adjustment of benefits with changes in living costs;
 - b) right to adequate standard of living, including housing, clothing, food and water, among others;
 - c) right to work; and whether a national minimum wage or any alternative mechanism is in place to ensure an adequate standard of living, and whether a system of indexation and regular adjustment exists;
 - d) prohibition of all forms of discrimination against older persons on the basis of age, alone or combined with other grounds, in all matters related to economic security;
 - e) the connections between relevant economic, social and cultural rights with the right to freedom of expression, including freedom to seek, receive and impart information; and rights to peaceful assembly and freedom of association;
 - f) active, free and meaningful participation of older persons and their representative organizations in all matters related to ensuring their economic security, including in political processes;
 - g) access to prompt remedies and redress when older persons' above mentioned rights are violated.

State obligations

3. What measures and special considerations should be undertaken by the State to respect, protect and fulfil the above-mentioned rights to ensure older persons' economic security?

Implementation

4. What are the best practices and main challenges faced by your country in the adoption and implementation of the above-mentioned normative framework to ensure older persons' economic security?