

Identification of possible gaps in the protection of the human rights of older persons and how best to address them

Background

The Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, in its [decision 13/1](#) adopted at the thirteenth session, requested the co-facilitators to facilitate the consideration of the existing international framework of the human rights of older persons and the identification of possible gaps in the protection of the human rights of older persons and how best to address them.

The decision also invited the confacilitators to conduct open, transparent and inclusive informal intergovernmental meetings between the thirteenth and fourteenth sessions of the Working Group, with all States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies, and observers in the General Assembly, and to collaborate with national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations and the Independent Expert of the Human Rights Council on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons, within her mandate, during the process.

Timeline

3 July 2023	Circulation of the Questionnaire to Member States and all relevant stakeholders
12 July 2023 9:00 – 10:00 am <i>5 min intro by co-F 30 min briefing 25 min Q&A</i>	<p>Briefing #1 Briefing by the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons, and Human Rights Treaty Bodies</p> <p><u>Possible speakers</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Claudia Mahler, Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons 2. Mr. Mohamed Ezzeldin Abdel-Moneim, Chair, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 3. Ms. Ana Pelaez Narvaez, Chair, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women 4. Ms. Gertrude Oforiwa Fefoame, Chair, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 5. Ms. Margarette May Macaulay, Rapporteur on the Rights of Older Persons, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights 6. Ms. Aoife Nolan, President, President, European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe
8 September 2023 (TBC) 9:00 – 10:00 am	<p>Briefing #2 Briefing by the United Nations System</p>

<p>5 min intro by co-F 30 min briefing 25 min Q&A</p>	<p><u>Possible speakers</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DESA (overall intro – Ms. Masumi Ono) 2. OHCHR (normative standards & multistakeholder meeting – Mr. Craig Mokhiber) 3. UNHCR (humanitarian perspective – Mr. Ricardo Pla Cordero) 4. WHO (Quality Rights Initiative – Ms. Michelle Funk) 5. UN Development Coordination Office (country perspective -Francoise Jacob, UN Resident Coordinator in Serbia)
<p>20 November 2023 (TBC) 9:00 – 10:00 am</p> <p>5 min intro by co-F 30 min briefing 25 min Q&A</p>	<p>Briefing #3</p> <p>Briefing by national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations</p> <p><u>Possible speakers</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Beda Angeles Epres, NHRI Philippines 2. Ms. Tamar Gvaramadze, NHRI Georgia 3. NHRI Latin America 4. Mr. Andrew Byrnes, Seniors Rights Service and Rights of Older Persons Australia Network 5. Ms. Rose Bongole, Uganda Reach the Aged 6. Ms. Heidrun Mollenkopf, Age Platform Europe
<p>24 November 2023, COB</p>	<p>Deadline to send responses to the questionnaire</p>
<p>December 2023</p>	<p>Start of the negotiations on the recommendations</p>