

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 (see [A/AC.278/2023/2](#)) 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 co-facilitators 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	<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><i>Speakers</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ms. Claudia Mahler, Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons2. Mr. Mohamed Ezzeldin Abdel-Moneim, Chair, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights3. Ms. Ana Pelaez Narvaez, Chair, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women4. Ms. Gertrude Oforiwa Fefoame, Chair, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities5. Ms. Fiorella Melzi, Executive Secretariat for Monitoring, Promotion and Technical Cooperation in Human Rights, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights6. Ms. Aoife Nolan, President, President, European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe

<p>8 September 2023 8:30 – 10:00 am</p>	<p>Briefing#2 Briefing by the United Nations system</p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DESA (overall intro – Ms. Masumi Ono) 2. OHCHR (normative standards & multistakeholder meeting – Mr. Rio Hada) 3. UNHCR (humanitarian perspective – Mr. Ricardo Pla Cordero) 4. WHO (Quality Rights Initiative – Ms. Alana Officer) 5. UN Development Coordination Office (country perspective -Francoise Jacob, UN Resident Coordinator in Serbia)
<p>20 November 2023 8:30 – 10:00 am</p>	<p>Briefing #3 Briefing by national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations</p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Eugenia Fernan Zegarra, Ombudsperson, Defensoría del Pueblo de Perú 2. Mr. Beda A. Epres, Commissioner, Commission on the Human Rights of the Philippines 3. Ms. Heidrun Mollenkopf, President of AGE Platform Europe & Board Member of BAGSO (German National Association of Senior Citizens' Organisations) 4. Ms. Rose Gahire, Vice Chair of NSINDAGIZA Organisation, Rwanda 5. Mr. Israel (Issi) Doron, Dean of the Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Sciences, University of Haifa, Israel
<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>