

**SOME POINTS FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN STATEMENTS TO BE MADE AT THE OEWGA,
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POINT 3. ACCESS TO JUSTICE (A/AC.278/2021/CRP.4)

- A. **NATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK:** Access to Justice is a fundamental cross-cutting right that guarantees equality and non-discrimination of older persons. Its recognition goes beyond a fair trial and effective remedies.
- B. **AVAILABILITY:** In my country, Argentina, challenges encountered by older persons in accessing the judicial system and its remedies include remote locations, high costs, ageism, long delays, the cultural divide between generations, and the digital illiteracy of older persons due to the lack of policies of inclusion
- C. **ACCESSIBILITY:** It is a primary need to work on awareness, accessibility, availability, and effective remedies to solve the problems mentioned above. In particular, is fundamental educate the older person about their rights (literacy, translation into indigenous languages, and easy languages) and train all judges, lawyers and other professionals of the judicial system about human rights of older persons
- D. **ACCOUNTABILITY:** It is important to guarantee worldwide equal and effective participation of older persons in policy and laws and work hard to recognize the right to access to justice such as the Regional level IAC Human rights older Persons, and the Protocol to African Charter do.
- E. **PROMISING PRACTICES –** In Argentina, the Centres for Access to Justice located all over the country provide primary and comprehensive legal assistance services to vulnerable populations. Each Centre is made up of an interdisciplinary team of lawyers, psychologists, social workers, community mediators and administrative staff who have been trained to provide comprehensive assistance to meet the legal needs of the community.

A new Convention will provide effective tools to combat ageism, will empower older people, promote their social value, their inclusion and make sustainable the construction of a society for all ages.