

## 14<sup>th</sup> session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing

### Guiding questions for the focus area on participation in public life and in decision-making processes

#### National and local legal and policy framework

1. What are the national and local legal provisions and policy frameworks in your country that guarantee

- a) right to equality and prohibition of all forms of discrimination against older persons on the basis of age, alone or combined with other grounds, in the context of participation in public life and in decision-making processes;
- b) elimination of all forms of ageism and age discrimination from laws, frameworks, programs, policies, strategies and practices regarding participation in public life and in decision-making processes;
- c) right to freedom of expression, including freedom to seek, receive and impart information;
- d) right of peaceful assembly;
- e) right to freedom of association;
- f) right to take part in the government of one's country, directly or through freely chosen representatives;
- g) active, free and meaningful participation of older persons and their representative organizations in all matters related to participation in public life and in decision-making processes;
- h) access to prompt remedies and redress when older persons' above mentioned rights are violated.

2. What steps have been taken to ensure participation in public life and in decision-making processes without discrimination?

#### Data and research

3. What data and research are available regarding older persons' participation in public life and in decision-making processes? Please indicate how national or sub-national data is disaggregated by sex, age and inequality dimensions, and what indicators are used to monitor older persons' participation in public life and in decision-making processes.

#### Equality and non-discrimination

4. What are the challenges and barriers that older persons face regarding participation in public life and in decision-making processes, including the impact of intersectional discrimination and inequality based on age, gender, disability, race, ethnicity, migratory status and other grounds?

#### Accountability

5. What judicial and non-judicial mechanisms are in place for older persons to complain and seek redress when their right to participate in public life and in decision-making processes is violated?