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

Focus Area 1: Contribution of older persons to sustainable development

Definition

1. How are the key human rights relating to older persons' participation and, therefore, their contribution to sustainable development 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' contribution to sustainable development on normative elements such as;
 - 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 sustainable development;
 - b) elimination of all forms of ageism and age discrimination from sustainable development laws, frameworks, programs, policies, and practices;
 - 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 his country, directly or through freely chosen representatives;
 - g) right to development, including older persons as active participants and beneficiaries of development;
 - h) active, free and meaningful participation of older persons and their representative organizations in all matters related to sustainable development, including in political processes;
 - i) 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' contribution to sustainable development?

Implementation

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