

Monday 3rd July 2017

**Civil Society Workshop:
 Preparing for a substantive debate
 at the 8th Open-ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWG)**

Date and time:	Monday 3 rd July 2017, 9:30am to 5:30pm
Location:	CaringKind, The Heart of Alzheimer's Caregiving 4th floor, 360 Lexington Ave, between 40th and 41st Streets, New York City
Participants:	Civil Society Organisations and National Human Rights Institutions

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Background:

In the 8th OEWG session from 5-7th July 2017, UN Member States will engage in a substantive debate about two specific areas of human rights where the protection of older people's rights requires greater attention: 'Equality and non-discrimination' and 'Neglect, violence and abuse'. **It is vital that civil society is ready to participate actively in these discussions and put forward concrete recommendations to build a stronger understanding about these specific areas and how they might be addressed in a convention.**

Aims of the Workshop:

- To support civil society engagement in the OEWG process and the 8th session
- To strengthen connections among civil society organisations and other key stakeholders
- To foster opportunities for greater collaboration and joint working

09:30-09:45 Registration and coffee

PART ONE: Recent developments and strategy for 8th OEWG

Time	Session	Speakers
09:45-10:00	Welcome and housekeeping	Kate Wedgwood, HelpAge International and GAROP Co-chair Frances Zainoeddin, New York NGO Committee on Ageing Moderator: Marcus Riley, The Global Ageing Network
10:00-10:30	Introductory remarks	H.E. Ambassador Martín García Moritán, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations
10:30-11:00	Perspectives from the UN on the 8 th OEWG session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Presentations from UN colleagues</i> - <i>Questions and reactions</i> 	Rosemary Lane, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (TBC) Rio Hada, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
11:00-11:20	Intervention by the UN Independent Expert on the on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons	Rosa Kornfeld-Matte
11:20-12:00	Updates and reflections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Developments since 7th OEWG</i> - <i>Exchanging intelligence</i> 	
12:00-13:00	Lunch	

PART TWO: Substantive discussion on two focus areas of rights for the 8th OEWG

Time	Session	
13:00-13:15	Introduction and objectives of the afternoon sessions	Introduction to afternoon segment by Dr. Emem Omokaro, Dave Omokaro Foundation
13:15-14:45	Focus area 1 - Equality and non-discrimination - <i>Presentations and discussion</i>	Moderated by: Dr. Emem Omokaro Speakers: Nena Georgantzi, AGE Platform Europe Dr. Claudia Mahler, German Institute for Human Rights
14:45-15:15	Coffee break	
15:15-16:45	Focus area 2 - Neglect, violence and abuse - <i>Presentations and discussion</i>	Moderated by: Susan Somers, New York NGO Committee on Ageing and the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse Speakers: Bridget Sleaf, HelpAge International Silvia Perel-Levin, International Longevity Centre Global Alliance representative to the UN, Geneva and Chair of the Geneva NGO Committee on Ageing

PART THREE: Planning and Wrap up

Time	Session	
16:45-17:15	Preparing our strategy for OEWG 8	Andrew Byrnes, University of New South Wales Sydney
17:15-17:30	Wrap up and next steps	Ken Bluestone, Age International and GAROP Co-chair

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