

# Daily Bulletin – Day 4

9<sup>th</sup> session of the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWG) - 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> July 2018



Above: Member States participating in the debate about the normative content of a new convention – was your government in the room?

## Highlights

- The day began with an NGO Morning Briefing where Marcos Acle Mautone from the OHCHR shared his experiences of negotiating the Organisation of American States regional convention on older people's rights.
- In the formal session, NGOs participated in an interactive debate with Member States about possible normative content for a new UN convention focusing on the two areas of rights discussed in the 8<sup>th</sup> OEWG session. NGOs outlined the inadequacies in existing legal frameworks and made concrete recommendations for how a convention could address these gaps in terms of older people's right to freedom from violence and abuse and to equality and non-discrimination.
- In their closing statement, Mauritius expressed support for an international legal instrument for the first time in the OEWG.
- The 10<sup>th</sup> OEWG session will focus substantively on the topics of education and lifelong learning, and social protection.
- Work will continue between sessions on the OEWG9 topics aiming for more concrete outcomes from the 10<sup>th</sup> session.

**Watch the session online at:** <http://webtv.un.org>

**UN website:** <https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/ninthsession.shtml>

## OEWG Programme Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July

1. **Follow up of the focus areas of the 8<sup>th</sup> OEWG session**  
*An interactive discussion about proposed normative content for a new convention with a focus on Equality and non-discrimination, and Violence, neglect and abuse.*
2. **Discussion on the way forward and close**  
*Includes selection of focus areas for next OEWG session*



**From Twitter**

@Bill\_Mitchell

*'Final day at #OEWG9 and we will be looking at building normative content around rights to equality and freedom from violence #ngos have been bright and bold in their campaign for the #HumanRights of #OlderPersons consistently calling for a convention with real examples.'*



## Comments from our members:

*'We need older persons to be involved in the panels during the OEWG sessions: this would be important to ensure debates include their views and needs.'*

Ebbe Johansen, AGE Platform Europe President.

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