

# Daily Bulletin – Day 3

11<sup>th</sup> session of the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWG), 29<sup>th</sup> March - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021



Above: María Isolina Dabove of INPEA speaks on Access to Justice

## Highlights

- The Right to Work and Access to the Labour Market and Access to Justice were the topics being covered in the substantive interactive debates today. The presentations and discussions covered a range of issues, from the specific challenges facing older women in the labour market to the barriers that older people face in accessing justice, including the ageism entrenched in the justice system itself.
- Civil society organisations and National Human Rights Institutions engaged actively throughout the dialogue bringing national evidence and presenting once again a consistent and compelling case for a new international legal instrument.
- However, civil society organisations are alarmed at the absence and lack of engagement by Member States in these substantive discussions. This is despite the scale and severity of the violations of older people's human rights that many States have presided over in countries around the world during this pandemic.

## Get involved:

- Watch live online at: <http://webtv.un.org> (from 10:00 ET)
- UN website: <https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group>
- Get involved on Twitter using #AgeWithRights and #OEWG11



## OEWG Programme Wed 31<sup>st</sup> March

1. **Focus Area: Right to Work and Access to the Labour Market**  
*Introduced by DESA. Interactive expert panel with independent expert and two dignitaries and an interactive discussion.*
2. **Focus Area: Access to Justice**  
*Introduced by OHCHR. Interactive expert panel with dignitaries and an interactive discussion.*



From Twitter

@AGE\_PlatformEU  
'The new updated @UNHumanRights study shows that the current system is limited. We lack a coherent & comprehensive legal framework to bridge the current gap between our aspirations, practices & older people's reality', says @NenaGeorgantzi at #OEWG11 side event



## Comment from the Chair of the Global Alliance:

'Our members are deeply concerned about the fact that so many Member States are missing in action during the debates this week. This is the main opportunity that older people and civil society have to discuss their human rights in the UN. Governments must hear our voices and agree a constructive way forward tomorrow.'

**Dr. Kiran Rabheru, ILC Canada and Chair of GAROP**

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