

# Daily Bulletin – Day 2

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: Jan Hively of 2Young2Retire talks about lifelong learning

## OEWG Programme Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March

### 1. High-level Panel: COVID-19 and Older Persons

*Interactive expert panel with independent expert and two dignitaries and an interactive discussion.*

### 2. Normative Inputs: Education and Social Protection

*A panel with four experts introduced by DESA and OHCHR. Panel followed by an interactive discussion.*

### From Twitter

@AgeKnowble  
@ILCCanada #OEWG11 side event  
H.E. Mr. Omar Hilale, Ambassador  
@Morocco\_UN – a  
“#UNConvention is most concrete and useful framework” for  
#OlderPeopleRights and challenges faced by older persons, esp older women. #AgeWithRights  
#AWorld4AllAges



## Highlights

- Today saw the much-anticipated High-level Panel on COVID-19 and Older Persons. Expert presentations from Portugal and Argentina were followed by the UN Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons, Dr. Claudia Mahler. A series of powerful statements from NHRIs and NGOs reinforced the message that a UN convention would provide the necessary protections to prevent such violations from happening again and that drafting should start immediately.
- There was a panel on normative content for a possible international standard focusing on the issues of education and lifelong learning and social security covered in the working document from UNDESA and OHCHR. The discussion was interactive and wide-ranging with a number of proposals for how these rights could be elaborated in a new convention.
- There were two dynamic side events today. The first organised by the International Disability Alliance focused on Access to Justice with a rich discussion between the UN Independent Expert and the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The second was an international dialogue organised by ILC Canada on COVID-19 and older persons with a number of eminent speakers. In this discussion, Ambassador Bob Rae of Canada supported the idea to form an advisory group to advance the OEWG's work in the intersession period.

## 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

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