

Daily Bulletin – Day 4

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



Natasa Todorovic of the Red Cross of Serbia speaks in the Way Forward discussion

Highlights

- Member States, NHRIs and NGOs participated in the Way Forward discussions on how the OEWG should progress its work. NHRIs and NGOs were unanimous in their view that the drafting of a new UN convention should commence immediately. To this end they proposed that a new sub-group of the OEWG be established that would include experts from Member States, civil society, NHRIs and the UN Independent Expert. A number of Member States supported this call and said that they were willing to participate and consider this further.
- NGOs were later appalled when the final meeting of the session almost didn't take place due to the poor attendance of Member State delegates. Many expressed outrage on social media. After one hour and 45 minutes a quorum was finally reached and the meeting concluded. The new focus areas agreed for the 12th session are 'Economic security' and the 'Contribution of older persons to sustainable development'.
- Disappointingly, no decision was taken in the final meeting on the Way Forward or the creation of the sub-group. NGOs now expect the OEWG Bureau to discuss these important proposals urgently and agree on a way forward soon.

OEWG Programme Thursday 1st April

1. **Discussion on the Way Forward**
Interactive discussion.
2. **Preparation for OEWG12 and closing of OEWG11**
Selection of focus areas for the next working session and provisional agenda for OEWG12.



From Twitter

@ericadhar

'Where are member states? Where are the group of friends of older persons for the quorum for the session to continue? Don't say Leave No One Behind. This is an affront on Older Persons who are not only being left behind but egregiously being discriminated against @GAROP_Sec'

Below: State delegates waiting for a quorum ahead of the final meeting



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