

Daily Bulletin – Day 1

10th session of the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWG), 15th-18th April 2019



OEWG Programme Monday 15th April

1. **Opening Session** Includes the participation of NHRIs and NGOs in the work of the OEWG and approval of new accreditations
2. **General Discussion** Consists mainly of general opening statements from Member States, then NHRIs and NGOs.

From Twitter

@AGE_PlatformEU:
'Slovenia @SLOtoUN takes the floor to ask for concrete action for not leaving no one behind: "This is urgent". Numerous contributions to the OEWG are clear signs of enhancement. But the lack of a dedicated instrument hinders the protection of human rights in older age. #OEWG10'



Activists and co-sponsors at the GAROP side event

Highlights

- There were 36 new NGO Accreditations approved by Member States today. Around half were from the African region. Congratulations to the GAROP members who have secured Accreditation!
- It was a long day with around 50 Member States making opening statements throughout the morning and the afternoon. There was no time for NHRI or NGO statements. A number of Member States supported the idea of an agreed outcome document, and for more time to be dedicated to work and discussions on normative elements.
- The G77 and China group made a strong statement and Nigeria openly supported a new instrument for the first time.
- There were also three side events today organised by ILC Canada on income security and lifelong learning, the WHO, UNDESA and OHCHR on the UN Decade for Ageing, and the GAROP side event with our activists launching our new 'Our Voices Our Rights' report (visit our website to download it!)

Get involved

- Watch live online at: <http://webtv.un.org> (from 10:00 EST)
- Visit the Trello Board: <https://trello.com/b/99iBPXpE>
- UN website: <https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group>

Comments from our members:

"We are pleased that many Member States are introducing gender intersection calling for specific approach on Older Women and LGTBI Older Persons and recognising the need to address systemic and structural barriers that blocks the full enjoyment of their human rights. Looking forward to hear their proposals to effectively address these challenges."

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