

Daily Bulletin – Day 3

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



OEWG Programme Wednesday 17th April

I. Focus area: Social security, social protection, including social protection floors

A panel with four expert speakers in the morning and a further panel with four expert speakers in the afternoon debated this topic. Each panel was followed by an interactive debate.



From Twitter

@borja_arrue

'We are listening to Himanshu Rath from the Agewell Foundation, India. He is the ONLY civil society representative in the panels of this #OEWG10! We need much greater participation of NGOs in each session: discussions cannot go on without older people & their organisations #OEWG10'



Highlights

- The third day focused on the issue of social security and social protection. On the morning panel, Adriana Elizabeth Rovira Benitez of the National Institute for older persons, Uruguay, noted that an ageist mindset influences the way public policies are developed. An intervention from Spain demonstrated awareness of the need to improve referencing the gender gap in pensions.
- A number of NGOs were able to participate in the debate again today. They raised issues such as the lack of pension coverage and inadequacy, highlighting that the unique barriers older people face to realising their rights are not adequately covered under international human rights law.
- Paulette Metang of ACAMAGE in Cameroon also took the floor during the morning session to deliver the GAROP Opening Statement on behalf of our 303 GAROP members. She called for greater participation of older people, more time for work on normative elements, and reiterated GAROP's call for the drafting of a new instrument to commence in 2020.

Watch live online at: <http://webtv.un.org> (from 10:00 EST)

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

Comments from our members:

'As my first time here at the UN and considering that I just have 7 month at this NGO, this is for me a deep dive into this big subject. Now my challenge is not just to improve human rights and good life quality for older persons in my country, we must support also other countries to make a big global change. Here I've learnt the meaning of generosity, cause the only way to move forward is working together, with more collaborative instances like this one.'

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