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



OEWG Programme Thursday 18th April

1. **Follow up of the focus areas of the 9th OEWG session**
An interactive discussion about proposed normative content for a new convention with a focus on Autonomy and Independence, and Long Term and Palliative Care.
2. **Discussion on the way forward and close**
Includes selection of focus areas for next OEWG session



From Twitter

@helpage

“Even patients have the right to make decisions about their care. No other person should dictate, what they should or shouldn’t do. Palliative care is an essential component to human rights.” Rose shares why autonomy in palliative care is so important.
#OEWG10 @GAROP_Sec.’



Highlights

- The day began with presentations from UNDESA and OHCHR on the working document on the normative elements topics, followed by an interactive debate.
- The Member States interventions began positively with strong statements from Mauritius and Costa Rica voicing full support for a new UN convention and urging the Working Group to fulfil its mandate.
- Many NGOs were actively engaged in the normative elements debate, outlining the inadequacies in existing legal frameworks and making concrete recommendations for how a convention could address these gaps in terms of older people’s right to autonomy and independence, and long-term care and palliative care.
- In the final session focusing on the way forward, a number of Member States, National Human Rights Institutions and NGOs gave their support for an ‘outcome document’.
- The topics for the 11th session were agreed as **Access to justice**, and **Access to employment**.

You can watch the full session online at: <http://webtv.un.org>
(Recordings of the SGA Africa, ILC Canada, and UNDESA/Japan/AARP side events will also be available there)

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

Comments from our members:

‘Here I realised that GAROP is a hub for CSOs, giving information and making strategies on multi-level engagement. I am working closely with stakeholders such as Korean NHRI, Korean Bar Association, political and governmental treaties. I have learned to make intersessional international conference for specific focused areas of Human Rights for older person, in specific regional issues.’

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