Human Rights of Older Persons and Agenda 2030

Translating Evidence for the Decade of Healthy Ageing
Combating Ageism: Human Rights of Older Persons and Agenda 2030

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Overview of Session

• Introduction and setting the stage

• Need for a Convention on Human Rights of Older Persons

• Coalition Building and Collaboration

• Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People

• What is Needed and Next Steps
Older Persons at the United Nations

• Brief history of ageing issues at the United Nations
  • 1948, Argentina proposal
  • 1982, Vienna International Plan of Action on Ageing
  • 1991 General Assembly Principles for Older Persons
  • 2002 Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA)
  • OHCHR and programme on older persons
  • Other international agreements
  • 10th Session of Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing
  • Agenda 2030
What are we concerned about?

• Older persons are not explicitly recognized as rights holders.

• Age is not recognized as a category of discrimination.

• Gaps in existing human rights standards and laws.

• Ageism is widely tolerated.
Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWGA)

• 2010, General Assembly decided to establish OEWGA

• 2012, General Assembly asked OEWGA to present a proposal containing “main elements” for an international legal instrument to protect the rights of older persons.

• 2013, appointment of Independent Expert

• OEWGA has held 9 sessions; new procedures for 8th and 9th sessions
Reasons for a legally-binding instrument

• Recognize older persons as rights-holders
• Codify rights
• Act as anti-discriminatory tool
• Improve State accountability and transparency
• Raise public awareness of older persons’ rights
• Enable older persons to contribute, prosper, live in dignity and enjoy their rights
Partnerships
The Stakeholder Group On Ageing (SGA)
“Leave No One Behind”
Agenda 2030
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Background

• Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

• Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) also known as Agenda 2030
Post 2015 Summit

• The Role of the High Level Political Forum (HLPF)

• Formalization of the SGA

• Advocacy/Methods
Focus Areas of Work/Priorities National/Global

• Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 16, 17

• Full Data disaggregation in indicators, no age caps, age inclusive surveys,

• Collect and publish evidence through data gathering
  Titchfield City Group on Ageing
Influencing Process

• Universal/Global

• Information dissemination

• National engagement

• Collaboration/ partnerships
The Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People (GAROP)

• Over 250 members globally and growing

• We believe in a world in which older people live free from discrimination and are able to fully enjoy their rights

• We believe a UN convention on the rights of older persons is essential for older people to fully enjoy their rights.
Civil Society at the heart of a convention

• Awareness
• Advocacy
• Accountability
Global voice & action

- Civil society platform for change
- Voices of older people
- National multi-stakeholder engagement
- Working with the UN
- Articulating a common agenda
Where are we now in the process?

• UN Member State support is building
• Shifting positions among EU Member States
• Moving from discussion to negotiation?
• Civil society voice needs to be louder
Our resources:

• Website
• Secretariat
• Advocacy tools & guidelines
• Webinars

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Next Steps

• Become a member of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People (GAROP):  [www.rightsofolderpeople.org](http://www.rightsofolderpeople.org)

• Join the Stakeholder Group on Ageing:  [www.stakeholdergrouponageing.org](http://www.stakeholdergrouponageing.org)

• Download Fact sheets from websites, organize local awareness and education events.

• Meet with leaders in your country to encourage support of a Convention on Rights of Older Persons.
• Questions/Discussion
Resources

Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing
https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/

Office of the High-Commissioner on Human Rights
https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/OlderPersons/Pages/OlderPersonsIndex.aspx

Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People
https://www.rightsofolderpeople.org/

Stakeholder Group on Ageing
https://www.stakeholdergrouponageing.org/
Resources-continued

The Global Goals
http://www.globalgoals.org/
https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/

United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
Focal Point on Ageing:
https://www.un.org/development/desa/ageing/

Division for Sustainable Development:
https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Resources-continued

Statistics:
http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/46th-session
http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/indicators/database/

UN Statistical Commission
http://unstats.un.org/unsd/default.html

Major Groups and Other Stakeholders
https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/mgos

High level Political Forum
https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf
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THANK YOU
Combating Ageism to Improve Access to Employment

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Nearly one in three workers in the UK are aged 50 and over, and with the average employee in the UK in their 40s, this is set to grow over the next decade.

Yet significant numbers of older employees feel they are being discriminated against at work because of their age, including believing they have been turned down for jobs (9%) and being offered fewer opportunities for training and progression (32%).

This presentation will explore the importance of supporting our ageing workforce and will outline the actions that need to be taken to ensure that employers and individuals can reap the benefits of our longer working lives.