

ILC GA representative in Geneva

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ACTIVITY REPORT

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All the activities fall under the category of advocacy and policy. I am the chairperson of the Geneva NGO Committee on Ageing, representing ILC GA, since April 2014. I was reelected in 2016 and 2018. According to the NGO Committee's statutes, I will step down in 2020 after completing 6 years in the position of Chair.

I have reported every quarter with all details so this a general summary and highlights of the activities performed:

HUMAN RIGHTS

The **Human Rights Council** meets three times a year: four weeks in February-March, three weeks in June-July and three weeks in September. I have participated in all sessions. The March session includes, among many issues, a high-level segment and the rights of persons with disabilities and the rights of migrants; The June session includes the rights of women and the September session includes the rights of older persons when the Independent Expert presents her annual thematic report and the reports of her official visits to countries. I have delivered statements on behalf of ILC GA and organized side events on older refugees, violence against older women and on ageism and the rights of older persons with co-sponsorships of NGOs, Member States, OHCHR and other UN agencies.

I have also contributed text to several resolutions including the resolution on technical cooperation around the rights of older persons and the resolution renewing the mandate of the Independent Expert (just adopted).

In addition to the HRC, I have participated in other human rights fora and consultations such as the Social forum, the forum on human rights and business, gender and human rights, annual meeting of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) and more

Meetings with High Commissioner and Deputy High Commissioner

I held meetings with Michelle Bachelet in 2019 and with Kate Gilmore in 2018. Following our meetings, both have been including older persons in their speeches and interventions.

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

International Commission on Population and Development: I represented older persons at the regional ICPD +25 in Geneva 1-2 October 2018.

Represented Older Persons at the regional SDGs forum in 2017 and 2018.

I was invited by UNFPA to speak in the rights of older persons and elder abuse at a n international forum in Seoul, Korea in 2017.

I participated and co-organised the NGO forum that preceded the regional follow up of MIPAA in Lisbon in September 2017.

Participated at the UNECE WG on Ageing in November 2017 and I am in constant contact with the secretariat of the WG on Ageing.

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World Health Organization (WHO)

Participated at several meetings such as:

Monitoring mechanism for NCDs

Annual meeting of the WHO Clinical Consortium on Healthy Ageing

Meeting with the WHO Director-General and civil society

The World Health Assembly and the Executive Board meetings.

Spoke in the opening session of the consultation on the Global Report on Assistive Technologies "GReAT".

Meeting of experts on violence against older women organized by the department of Women and Health.

Provided comments and delivered statements on the General Programme of Work

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Provided comments on older refugees to the Global Compact on refugees

International Telecommunications Union (ITU)

Participated at the World Summit on Information Society and held meetings with ITU staff on the inclusion of older persons in ITU programme of work.

Open-ended Working Group on Ageing in NY (OEWG)

Attended the 2017 and 2019 sessions. Wrote and delivered statements, spoke at side events.

Submitted a written contribution on long-term and palliative care.

Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People (GAROP)

I have been for the last two years a member of the Steering Committee of GAROP. As such, co-organised and spoke at the civil society forum and NGO daily briefings during the OEWG.

UNDESA

Wrote a paper and spoke at the experts meeting in May 2019 on older persons in emergencies situations. The [final report](#) has just been released.

AGE Platform Europe Campaign against Ageism

I contributed to the blog of the campaign with a short article on [elder abuse](#)