

NGO COMMITTEE ON AGEING/NY

Subcommittee on Older Women

Terms of Reference

I. Goal

The goal of the Older Women Subcommittee is to advocate, educate, and promote the human rights, dignity, safety, and social inclusion of older women as valued and contributing members of their communities and the larger world. This work will be approached through an intersectional lens, recognizing and respecting the critical aspects of identity that include, at minimum, gender, age, culture, race, ethnicity, socioeconomics, ability, nationality. The basis for its work includes the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action, the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

II. Chair's duties

The Chair of the Subcommittee is responsible for:

1. Convening meetings of its members, confirming responsibilities, and supervising its work.
2. Preparing a plan of action each year, including an estimate of any expenses expected for implementation and any other recommendations for approval by the Executive Committee.
3. Preparing progress and annual reports for submission to the Executive Committee.

III. Responsibilities and activities

The Subcommittee will:

1. Identify opportunities within the UN, NGOs, and civil society to advocate on behalf of older women through event planning, participation, and the grooming of champions to advance information and understanding of issues and concerns relevant to older women.
2. Build on efforts to formalize a synergistic relationship with the NGO Committee on the Status of Women to ensure that the voice of older women is heard and included.
3. Develop opportunities to educate and work with intergenerational and mainstream UN groups and civil society in recognizing and understanding the necessity of including older womens' issues in their work.
4. Remain updated with Member States' positions on older womens' issues at national, regional and international levels.
5. Provide commentary on pertinent documents/reports to ensure that issues and concerns of older women are included and addressed.

IV. Membership

Subcommittee membership shall include a Chair, NGO members of the NGO Committee on Ageing, and interns.

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