



SIDE EVENT 53RD HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL SESSION

CLOSING THE CIRCLE:  
ADDRESSING GENDER-BASED  
VIOLENCE (GBV) IN OLDER AGE

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

MONDAY, 19 JUNE 2023  
14:00-15:00

CONFERENCE ROOM XXV  
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## HYBRID SIDE EVENT: CLOSING THE CIRCLE: ADDRESSING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN OLDER AGE

Monday, 19 June 2023, 14.00 - 15.00

Conference Room XXV or [Webex](#)

Gender-based violence against older women remains largely a taboo subject as the gender aspects of elder abuse and violence against older persons are too often obscured.

Older women are not a monolithic group, but rather include women from all countries, ethnicities, sexualities, gender identities, professions, and health and socio-economic statuses. Those from marginalized populations continue to be at greater or unique risks for violence throughout their lifespan, including in older age.

An expert panel will provide updates on combatting violence against older women policies. The event will be held in hybrid mode (in person and on Webex platform).

### *Opening remarks*

**Ambassador Federico Villegas**, Permanent Representative of the Argentine Republic to the UN Office and other international organizations in Geneva

### *Panel speakers*

**Claudia Mahler**, Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons

**Todd Howland**, Chief of the Development and Economic and Social Issues Branch, OHCHR

**Claudia Garcia Moreno**, Head of Unit on Addressing vulnerable populations, World Health Organization

**Elizabeth Broderick**, Expert of the UN Working Group on discrimination against women and girls

**Silvia Perel-Levin**, International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA)

### *Closing remarks*

**Ambassador Anita Pipan**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Slovenia to the UN Office and other international organizations in Geneva

### *Moderator*

**Monica Ferro**, Director of the UNFPA Office in Geneva

*The World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) is observed on 15 June. It was officially recognized by the UN General Assembly in its [resolution 66/127](#) in 2011, following a request by the [International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse](#) (INPEA), who first established the commemoration in 2006.*

*The event is co-organized by Missions of **Slovenia** and **Argentina** in Geneva, **International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse**, **NGO Committee on Ageing**, **UN Decade on Healthy Ageing**, **UNFPA**, **WHO** and **OHCHR Special Procedures Branch**.*

*The event is cosponsored by Missions of **Austria**, **Brazil**, **Dominican Republic**, **Montenegro**, **the Philippines** and **Uruguay** in Geneva.*

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