

OEWGA 10 | Side event

Normative elements of a right to palliative care for older persons

Tuesday 16 April

1.15 – 2.30pm

Conference Room B, UN Headquarters

Palliative care seeks to maintain the best possible quality of life for patients and their families facing serious health related suffering, from the moment of diagnosis through natural death.

Yet, in many countries the availability of palliative care is very limited, resulting in preventable severe, health related suffering for millions of older persons and patients. Any binding international convention on the rights of older persons must stipulate a right to palliative care for older persons in multiple settings, including at home, in the community, in nursing homes, prisons, and other closed environments.

This side event will describe the efforts of providers, NGOs, and governments (among others) in Europe, Ecuador, Italy, Panama, the Philippines, and Rwanda to fulfill the right of older persons to palliative care.



Opening Remarks

Ms. Grace Vasquez, Technical Director
National Council for Intergenerational
Equity, Government of Ecuador

Panel

Ms. Bethany Brown, Senior Researcher
Human Rights Watch *Normative elements
of a right to palliative care*

Dr Simone Cernesi, Primary Care
Geriatrician, Movimento Giotto,
Modena Italy. *Fulfilling the Right of Older
Persons to Palliative Care in Italy*

Ms. Rose Gahire, Nsindagiza Organisation,
*Fulfilling the right of older persons to
palliative care in Rwanda*

Ms. Karin Mansel, Human Rights Specialist
for the Rapporteurship on the Rights
of Older persons of the Inter-American
Commission on Human Rights: *The
Protection of Older Persons in the Inter-
American System*

Mr. Marvin Mutch Humane Prison Hospice
Project, California, *Human Rights Violations
of terminally ill inmates at Federal and State
prisons, California*

Dr. Sheila Payne, Lancaster University,
UK PACE Project, EU, *Improving palliative
care in nursing homes for older people:
evidence from Europe*

Moderator

Ms. Karen Gomez-Dumpit,
Commissioner, Philippines
Human Rights Commission

Closing Remarks

Representative of Mission of
Panama to the United Nations

