CONCEPT NOTE

Side Event on the occasion of the International Day of Human Rights (December 10th)

“The Contribution of Intergenerational Relationships to the Enjoyment of the Human Rights of Older Persons”

Background

The Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations, in partnership with the Sub-committee on Intergenerational Relationships of the NGO Committee on Ageing in New York, are organizing a side event on the occasion of the International Day of Human Rights (December 10th) with the co-sponsorship of Generations United, the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations (CoNGO), the Armenian International Women’s Association, the NGO Committee on Migration, the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA), the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

Objective

The event will focus on how intergenerational relationships can contribute to the promotion, protection and full enjoyment of the human rights of youth and older persons, by displaying a broad set of examples in which intergenerational partnerships and solidarity help to achieve social inclusion, social integration, social cohesion, the promotion of human rights, and the attainment of sustainable development. A panel of experts’ presentations will display some areas when intergenerational relationships can catalyze the enjoyment of the human rights of persons of all generations, such as early childhood development; domestic care; living arrangements; migration; remittances; social security and protection schemes; and political, economic and social participation.
Format

The event will begin with a welcoming address by the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations (5 minutes) and introductory remarks by the Director of the New York Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (5 minutes), followed by an expert panel moderated by the Chair of Generations United and comprised by representatives of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA), the NGO Committee on Migration and the Sub-committee on Intergenerational Relationships of the NGO Committee on Ageing (35 minutes for the panel presentations, 7 minutes per panellist).

After the panel, there will be a space for questions and answers and an interactive dialogue with the panellists (25 minutes).

Finally, the Chair of the Sub-committee on Intergenerational Relationships of the NGO Committee on Ageing will deliver a summary of the discussions (10 minutes), followed by concluding remarks by a representative of the Group of Friends of Older Persons at the United Nations in New York (5 minutes).

The event will be conducted in English.

Time and place

The event will take place on Monday 11 December, from 1:15 to 2:45pm, in Conference Room 12 of the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The live stream of the event can be accessed through the following link: webtv.un.org/meetings-events/