## Civil Society in Geneva

The human rights of older persons in international human rights mechanisms

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# Geneva International Organizations

- WHO: Ageing (in two departments), Women's health, Assistive Technologies, +
- ITU <u>International Telecommunication Union</u> is the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technologies.
- UNFPA, Headquarters: New York, Geneva office (ICPD)
- UNECE: SWGA and Regional CSO mechanism
- UNITAR An autonomous UN body established in 1963, the <u>United Nations</u> <u>Institute for Training and Research</u> is a training arm of the UN
- OHCHR
- ILO
- UNHCR
- UN WOMEN, Headquarters: New York, GVA office with new section on emergencies
- ...and more

## International human rights mechanisms

### **Treaty Bodies**

# Human Rights Council

Other international Conventions outside international human rights system

#### **CESCR**

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

#### **CEDAW**

Elimination of Discrimination against Women

#### **CRPD**

Rights of Persons with Disabilities

#### **CCPR**

Human Rights
Committee, Civil
and Political
Rights

#### **CERD**

Elimination of Racial
Discrimination

#### CAT

Committee against Torture

#### CRC CIV

Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families

#### <u>CMW</u>

Enforced Disappearances

**CED** 

# Universal Periodic Review

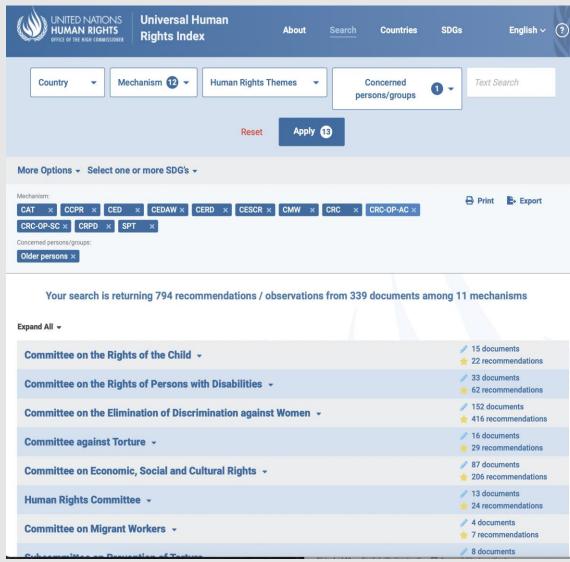
**Special Procedures** 

ILO/ WHO Conventions

Regional mechanisms

**OHCHR** is the secretariat for all mechanisms and technical agency on human rights

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Treaty bodies: 901 rec/obs on Older Persons out of 102,214 = 0.88%

#### **CEDAW:**

While OP appear in 176 out of 378 documents, 476 recommend. out of 18,015 = 2.64 %

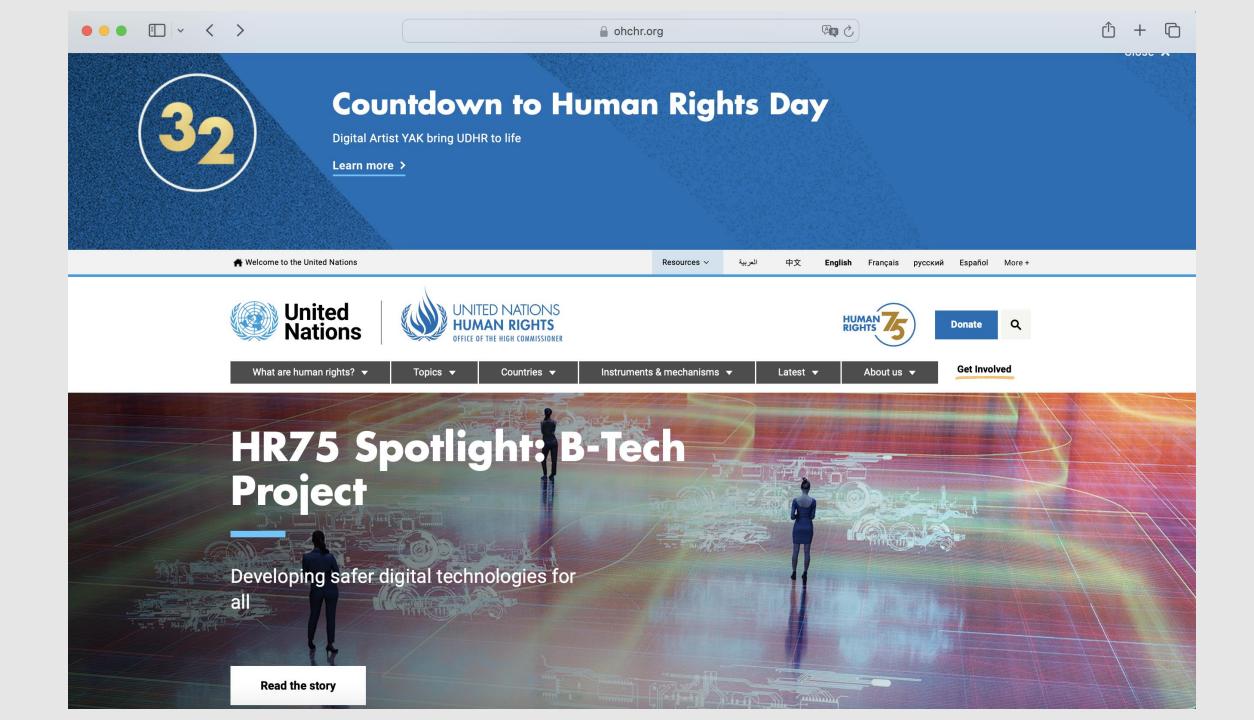
#### **CESCR:**

**OP appear in 92 documents out of 195** 

**226 recommendations out of 11,266 = 2%** 

UPR: 556 on OP out of 101,132 = 0.55%

Special Procedures: 535 rec on OP out of  $18,604 = \frac{2.86\%}{1800}$  362 from IE  $= \frac{0.9\%}{1800}$  without IE





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#### Report HRC/49/70

Normative standards and obligations under international law in relation to the promotion and protection of the human rights of older persons

 The existing human rights framework provides fragmented and inconsistent coverage of the human rights of older persons, in law and practice

 The engagement by international human rights mechanisms on the human rights of older persons has been far from systematic, coherent or sustained

• The lack of a dedicated legally binding instrument and the limitations of existing instruments continue to hinder the effective protection of human rights of older persons

# Report HRC/52/49 Summary of the multi-stakeholder meeting on the human rights of older persons

- Reaffirmed previous reports and analytical studies by OHCHR:
  - ✓ Current international framework provides fragmented and inconsistent coverage

√There is a need to expeditiously develop and adopt a comprehensive human rights instrument on older persons.

 States should, in collaboration with civil society, NHRIs, the UN and older persons themselves, develop and adopt a comprehensive convention on the human rights of older persons

#### What would a Convention Do?

- Codify standards and norms
- Assist ratifying states to adopt non-discriminatory laws and oblige them to comply and combat ageism
- Draw attention to multiple and intersecting discrimination
- Provide basis for advocacy and public awareness
- Provide a reporting and accountability mechanism



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