

Panel discussion on the human rights of older persons in the context of climate change

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence (ODVV)



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ODVV regrets that the adverse impacts of climate change on the effective enjoyment of the rights of older persons is amplified by economic sanctions in the countries and regions targeted by Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCM)s –including Cuba, Iran, Gaza, Syria, Venezuela and Yemen. ODVV requests Your Excellencies to offer sanctioned countries with recommendation on how to promote and protect the rights of older persons through age-inclusive climate action under sanctions.

Considering that mitigating and coping with the negative impact of climate change – including rising temperatures, sea level rise, coastal erosion, forest fires, extreme temperature and weather events including heatwaves, floods and droughts - require international cooperation and allocation of national income both of which are undermined or banned by UCMs, ODVV calls for technical assistance to sanctioned countries with respect to mitigation and adaptation actions to combat climate in order to promote the rights of older persons.

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Considering that older persons particularly the poor and marginalized face disproportionate impacts by the climate change and COVID-19 pandemic, ODVV requests the panelists to offer the NGOs that support the older persons in sanctioned countries with recommendations on how to respond to the challenges threatening the life, health and economic, social cultural rights of the older persons.