

2019 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)

Violence Against Older Women

Time for a global unveiling of the last taboo



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Conference Room 11

Welcome NGO Committee on Ageing (New York) Chair- **Cynthia Stuenkel**

Panel Discussion **Moderator - Susan Somers**, President of the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA)

Access to Justice: Legal, Social and Economic Services for Older Victims of Sexual, Physical and Financial Crimes

Understanding the Global Context of Violence against Older Persons

Review of Sexual Assault Prosecutions - **Ruthy Lowenstein Lazar**, *Professor of law at the College of Management Academic Studies in Rishon LeZion, Israel (video)*

Physical Assaults Arising from Accusations of Witchcraft - **Ranjit Jayanti**, *Representative to the United Nations, Guild for Service, India*

Inheritance Abuse and Land-grabbing – **Marie Umeh**, *Representative to the United Nations, Widow Development Organisation, Nigeria*

UNDP's work on gender based violence – **Serge Kaptso**, *Policy Specialist, Data for Development, SDG Integration Team, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP*

Jurisprudence Review

Key elements on the Protection of the Rights of Older Persons from Violence, Neglect and Abuse based on inputs to the GA Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing – **Amal Abou Rafeh**, *Chief, Programme on Ageing, DESA*

International legal framework on older persons access to justice – **Denise Hauser**, *Human Rights Officer Focal Point on Older Persons, OHCHR*