

The INTERNATIONAL NETWORK for the PREVENTION of ELDER ABUSE, (INPEA)  
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*United Nations Commemoration  
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day  
~ June 16, 2017 ~  
“Understand and End  
Financial Abuse of Older People:  
A Human Rights Issue.”*

Financial exploitation takes many forms. In developed countries, the abuse often encompasses theft, forgery, misuse of property and power of attorney, as well as denying access to funds. The overwhelming majority of financial exploitation in less developed countries includes property grabbing and accusations of witchcraft, ejection from homes and denial of family inheritance by widows

In particular, this year’s theme underscores the importance of preventing financial exploitation in the context of elder abuse to the enjoyment of older persons’ human rights. In line with the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, older people have the right to a life of dignity in old age, free of all forms of abuse, including financial and material exploitation, which could lead to poverty, hunger, homelessness, compromised health and well-being, and even premature mortality.

The 2017 WEAAD theme will explore effective means of strengthening protections against financial and material exploitation, including by improving the understanding of this form of elder abuse and discussing ways of ensuring the participation of older adults themselves in ending victimization. It will further serve to inform the thematic discussions of the upcoming eighth session of the General Assembly’s Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, which will take place in New York from 5 to 7 July 2017.

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about ending  
elder abuse  
and  
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My World... Your World...  
Our World  
Free of Elder Abuse



**SAVE the DATE  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual WEAAD  
16 June 2017  
UN HQ NYC  
Room CR 12  
From 1:15 to 2: 45 PM**

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