The aim of this consultation is to establish a fruitful dialogue and the first of regular exchanges between the Independent Expert (IE) and NGOs going forward.

The specific objectives of this consultation are:

- To raise the most pressing issues facing older people and NGOs working with them around the world, in accessing their human rights
- To enhance awareness and understanding among NGOs of the IE mandate and how they can contribute and support this work
- To inform the thematic priorities of the IE’s mandate

**Programme**

13:00-13:10 Welcome and introduction – Dr. Kiran Rabheru, Chair of GAROP

13:10-13:15 Opening remarks - UN Independent Expert, Dr. Claudia Mahler

13:15-13:25 Overview of Special Procedures, the IE mandate and how NGOs can engage and contribute – Barbora Zamrška, OHCHR

13:25-14:05 Contributions from NGOs around the first guiding question:

*What priorities would you like to see addressed in law and policies to eliminate discrimination and strengthen the protection of older people’s rights?*

14:05:14:10 Brief reaction from IE

14:10-14:50 Contributions from NGOs around the second guiding question:

*How can the voices of older people be better heard at national and UN levels in discussions about older people’s human rights?*

14:50-14:55 Final reflections from IE

14:55-15:00 Next steps, thanks and close - Dr. Kiran Rabheru, Chair of GAROP

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NGOs are also encouraged to send your responses to the two guiding questions in any language in advance to: ellen.graham@rightsofolderpeople.org.