

Assist with the Development of a UN Convention on the Rights of Older Persons

As you may know, the ISA is a member of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People (<https://rightsoforderpeople.org/>). We encourage ISA members to participate in the Global Alliance activities to encourage the development of a UN Convention for the Rights of Older Persons. Here are some possibilities:

1. Take part in or organize an event for the rights of older people

From February 1st-7th, advocates and campaigners from around the world will unite in support of the rights of older people. These events (with your help) can encourage government support. Attend an event in your community (probably organized by an organization focusing on the rights of older people) or organize one (e.g. a class, a university or community event). The Global Alliance provides guidance for campaign actions. If you are an ISA member and are participating in an event or organizing one, please send information about your plans to Jan Marie Fritz (the ISA EC member who represents ISA to the Alliance) at jan.fritz@uc.edu.

2. Contact your government

National governments will have to eventually agree to a draft UN Convention on the Rights of Older Persons. Look for ways to encourage your government to be an early advocate in this process. If you are an ISA member and are starting to do this or are already involved, please let Jan Marie Fritz (jan.fritz@uc.edu) know about what you are doing.

3. Submit information about your relevant research to the UN Independent Expert on the Rights of Older People

The UN Independent Expert has put out a call for submissions about business (e.g., as a worker, entrepreneur, consumer, user of services such as care services or participant in the digital economy) and the human rights of older persons. If you have research in this area, please consider sending the Independent Expert a submission by her **deadline of January 31, 2026**. The submission must be no more than 2500 words. If you are writing about your research, do include a complete reference. For complete information about submission possibilities and requirements, please look at this webpage:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/calls-for-input/2026/call-input-independent-expert-enjoyment-all-human-rights-older-persons>

If you are an ISA member, please also send a copy of your submission to Jan Marie Fritz at jan.fritz@uc.edu.