

SURVEY- Human Rights Principles That Matter to Older Persons

Shared by the Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC – COSCO our new BCRPVPA partner. Their newsletter was shared in the last eblast. See links to find out more below.

Your Voice Matters!

We have international treaties that uphold and protect the rights of children, women, and individuals with diverse abilities. Yet we do not have one for the human rights of older people. A joint future for all of us – if we are fortunate to be an old person one day.

Work is starting at the United Nations to draft such a treaty, a UN Convention on the Rights of Older Persons. The first step is understanding the human rights principles that matter to Older Persons.

Age Knowble, a Canadian Social Enterprise, convened a virtual global rally in February 2026. It focused on the human rights principles that matter to older persons with dementia. Through insights and exchanges among cross-region, cross-sector panelists and 140 participants, some principles and themes emerged.

There is now the opportunity for people of all ages, across the generations, to share their perspectives through an online consultation. Input will be analysed for submission to the next UN session in July. Diverse voices are needed, and we want a strong Canadian voice in the response.

We hope you will participate and spread the word. The following material provides access to more information on how to participate:

Event highlight: [Showreel: Who Decides? Human Rights Principles That Matter to Older Persons with Dementia](#)

Online Consultation (15 to 20 minutes): [Human Rights Principles That Matter to Older Persons | SurveyPlanet](#)

Consultation open till: **15 April 2026**

Consultation Brief (optional reading for taking the survey): [humanrightsprinciples-olderpersons-consultation-2026.pdf](#)

When completing the survey, please write “**COSCO**” on the final page when asked how you heard about the consultation. Together, we can ensure Canada's voice is heard in the July IGWG discussions.