# **8th session of the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD**

# **9-11 June 2015, United Nations, New York**

# **Draft: List of side-events**

## **8 JUNE**

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 to 6.00 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room4

### **Title:  The Civil Society Global Forum**

**Co-organised by:** the International Disability Alliance (IDA) & Disabled People’s International **(DPI)**

**In partnership with:** the Disability Rights Advocacy Fund, Global Call to Action Against Poverty, Global Initiative for ICTs, Human Rights Watch, the International Disability and Development Consortium, Rehabilitation International, The Hans Foundation and Wada Na Todo Abhiyan

**Co-sponsored by:** The Permanent Missions of Australia, Republic of Benin, Brazil, Republic of Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, European Union, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, the Principality of Liechtenstein, Republic of Lithuania, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Republic of Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, UN DESA, OHCHR and UNICEF

**Details:** In advance of the adoption of the Post-2015 agenda, the Civil Society Global Forum will focus on how national and regional DPOs and NGOs can engage with UN mechanisms to monitor the implementation of the framework and ensure its compliance with the UNCRPD, while emphasizing on the voices of youth with disabilities.

**Webcast:** Watch via <http://webtv.un.org>

**Full Programme**

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**Website:** [www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org](http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org); [www.dpi.org](http://www.dpi.org)

**Time:** 1.15 to 2.30.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 4

### **Title:  The role of technology and innovation in the Post-2015 Development framework**

**Organizer:**The Global Initiative for Inclusive ICTs (G3ict) in collaboration with Disabled People’s International (DPI)

**Co-Sponsors:**

**Details:** A discussion of the imperative for the Post-2015 Development Framework to factor in assistive technologies and accessible Information and Communications Technologies including television, web sites, mobile phones and services, electronic kiosks or public access points. Possible benchmarks for Disabled Persons’ Organizations to advocate for the full implementation of article 9 of the CRPD will be presented.

**Speakers:**

* Axel Leblois, President, The Global Initiative for Inclusive ICTs (G3ict)
* Javed Abidi, Global Chair, Disabled People’s International (DPI)
* UNDESA representative (TBC)
* Jesus Toledano, President, CONADIS, Mexico
* Chinnu Maria Babu, Associate Corporate Counsel, WIPRO, India
* Human Rights Corporate Advocate (TBA)
* Ankit Jindal, Dell Services India, Founder of the Diversity and Equal Opportunity Centre

**Website:** [www.g3ict.org](http://www.g3ict.org), [www.dpi.org](http://www.dpi.org)

**Time:** 3.00 to 6.00 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 3

### **Title:   Accessibility and Education/ Challenges and Solutions**

**Organizer:**GAATES

**Co-Sponsors:**UNICEF; DESA

**Details:** The main purpose of this Forum is to discuss the accessibility challenges faced by learners with disabilities when accessing education facilities and the solutions that are currently being implemented and that can be broadly replicated.

**Speakers:**

* Opening Remarks: Mr. Mukhtar AlShibani - GAATES President
* Keynote Address: Prince Sultan Bin Salman
* Address by Chair of Council of Trustees - Dr. A. Allam (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
* Rosangela Berman Bieler - UNICEF
* Mona Mansoori, Chairperson of Gulf Disability Society (UAE).
* Accessible Education
* Mr. Gopal Mitra – UNICEF
* Ms. Betty Dion – GAATES Past President (Canada)
* Mr. Deepak KC – GAATES Country Rep. (Nepal)
* Ms. Janett Jimenez – GAATES Country Rep. (Mexico)
* Ms. Anjlee Agarwal – GAATES Country Rep. (India)
* Mr. Vashkar Bhattacharjee – GAATES Country Rep. (Bangladesh)
* Key Indicators and Accessibility – Reporting on the UN CRPD for the Delta Centre (Norway)
* Ms. Betty Dion – GAATES
* Mr. Victor Pineda – GAATES
* Mr. Tom Butler - Zero Project

**Flyer:** [www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8\_gaates\_forum\_on\_education.docx](http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8_gaates_forum_on_education.docx)

**Website**: [www.gaates.org](http://www.gaates.org)

## **9 JUNE**

**Time:** 1.15 to 2.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room3

### **Title:   Participation of Persons with Disabilities in the UN System and Broader Global Governance Processes**

**Organizer:**The Nippon Foundation & DESA

**Co-Sponsors:**PMs Japan and Ecuador; Disabled People's International (DPI); International Disability Alliance (IDA); Institute on Disability and Public Policy.

**Details:** An interim report on research regarding “Participation of Persons with Disabilities in the UN System and Broader Global Governance Processes” will be presented. Lessons and implications of the 3rd WCDRR will also be shared for discussion to take action for disability-inclusive global governance and the Post 2015 Development Framework.

English, Spanish and International Sign available.

**Speakers:**

* Mr. Lenín Moreno, United Nations Special Envoy on Disability and Accessibility / Former Vice President of Ecuador
* Prof. Derrick L. Cogburn, Executive Director, Institute on Disability and Public Policy, American University
* Ms. Elina Palm, Liaison Officer, New York UNHQ Liaison Office, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)
* Mr. Luis Gallegos, Former Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations in Geneva
* Ms. Akiko Ito, Chief, Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, UNDESA
* Ms. Maria Soledad Cisternas Reyes, Chair of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
* Mr. Javed Abidi, Chair, Disability People’s International
* Mr. Colin Allen, Vice Chair of International Disability Alliance
	+ Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Chair, The Nippon Foundation

**Website**: <http://www.nippon-foundation.or.jp/en/news/>

<http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=e5e50b39520d802638c6b3573&id=34426b9f79&e=d4be1c2911>

<http://aseanidpp.org/cosp-8-side-event>

**Time:** 1.15 to 2.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room4

### **Title:   Women with Disability**

**Organizer:**PM Republic of Korea

**Co-Sponsors:**   DESA; UN-Women

**Details:** Panel discussion on the achievement, lessons learned and challenges in the area of equality, empowerment and protection of human rights of women with disability especially in the context of Beijing+20 and Post-2015 development agenda

**Speakers:**

**Opening remarks**

•H.E. Oh Joon, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea

•Mr. Lenni Montiel, Assistant Secretary-General for DESA (TBC)

•Ms. Kristin Hetle, Director of Strategic Partnership Division of UN Women

**Keynote speech**

•Ms. Catalina Devandas Aguilar, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

**Presentation and sharing**

•Ms. Silvia Quan, Vice-Chair of the CRPD Committee, Guatemala

•Ms. Kerryanne Ifil, President of Senate and Barbados National Organization of PWDs, Barbados

•Mr. Jin-Gyu Ham, President of the 3rd World Assembly for Women with Disabilities, ROK

•Ms. Rachel Kachaje, Former Minister on Women and Disability Issues, Malawi

•Ms. Joanna Maciejewska, Minister-Councellor, Minister at the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Poland

•Mr. Venus Ilagan, Secretary General of Rehabilitation International, Philippines

•Ms. Young-hee Yoo, Chair of Korea Differently Abled Women United, ROK

•Mr. Kalle Könkkölä, Vice-President of the Finnish Disability Forum, Finland

•Ms. Abia Akram, Co-Chair of Asia Pacific Women with Disabilities United, Pakistan

•Ms. Lorraine Wappling, Member of Technical Advisory Committee of Handicap International, UK

**Website**:
[www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8\_draft\_concept\_paper\_on\_the\_side\_event\_on\_women\_with\_disabilities.docx](http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8_draft_concept_paper_on_the_side_event_on_women_with_disabilities.docx)

**Time:** 1.15 to 2.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room6

### **Title:  NHRIs and the rights of persons with disabilities. Monitoring the implementation of CRPD.**

**Organizer:**International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions

**Co-Sponsors:**ICC-NHRI's.

**Details:** National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), in their independent capacity from the Government, have a crucial role in monitoring and promoting the implementation of the Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities (CRPD). NHRIs are entrusted with the mandate to protect and promote human rights, including the rights of persons with disabilities, and several of them have been appointed national monitoring mechanisms under the Convention. Against this background, this side event will bring together experts from NHRIs across all regions to share practical experiences, challenges and recommendations in monitoring and promoting the implementation of the Convention, with a view to further advancing the rights of persons with disabilities.

**Opening remarks:** Adv. Mabedle Lawrence Mushwana, ICC Chairperson, Chairperson of the South African Human Rights Commission

**Speakers**

* Ms. Diane Kingston, Vice Chairperson of the CRPD Committee - New Pathways for cooperation between NHRIs and the CRPD Committee in monitoring CRPD
* Mr. Paul Gibson, Disability Commissioner, New Zealand Human Rights Commission
* Ms. Montserrat Solano Carboni, Ombudswoman, Defensoría de los Habitantes de Costa Rica – Monitoring CRPD: The experience of Costa Rica

**General discussion moderated by:** Professor Alan Miller, ICC Secretary, Chairperson of the Scottish Human Rights Commission

**Flyer**

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**Website:** <http://nhri.ohchr.org/EN/Pages/default.aspx>

**Time:** 1.15 to 2.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room7

### **Title:   Mainstreaming Disability into the Donor Agenda-Exploring the case of the Education Sector**

**Organizer:**World Bank

**Co-Sponsors:**USAID, Perkins and Wellspring

**Details:** Several multilateral and bilateral organizations as well as private foundations have stated their commitment to integrating disability as a crosscutting component throughout all programs. This panel will discuss initiatives within these diverse funding streams by focusing on trends, best practices and challenges related to integrated disability within the Education Sector.

**Speakers:**

* Charlotte McClain-Nhlapo, Global Disability Advisor, World Bank
* Christine Janes, Team Lead, Education Policy and Planning, USAID
* Anne Hayes, Senior Technical Advisor, Perkins
* Catherine Townsend, Program Officer, Wellspring
* TBD, Ministry of Education, TBD
* David Morrissey, CEO, USICD
* DfID – TBD

**Website**: [www.perkins.org](http://www.perkins.org)

**Time:** 1.15 to 2.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 12

### **Title: Disability Inclusive Disaster Preparedness and Response: Sendai and beyond**

**Organizer/s:** European Union

**Co-sponsor/s:** European Disability Forum

**Details:** This side event aims to provide an overview of the cooperation between the EU and its member states in inclusive disaster risk reduction, taking a policy perspective.

Examples will be given of practical tools and field interventions.

The role of persons with disabilities at all levels, in policy, and in implementation, will be highlighted. Topics include: the CRPD and Disaster Risk Reduction, the role of DPOs in DRR, and disaster response, and long term reconstruction; case presentation- practical example of inclusive DRR in practice/ or inclusive disaster response (including EU support); Cooperation between EU and member states; EU policy framework – council conclusions on disability-inclusive disaster management.

**Speakers:**

* European Commission representative DG
* President of European Disability Forum EDF
* Disabled people organization active in field actions
* NGO providing support in Disaster Preparedness and Response

**Website:** [www.europa.eu](http://www.europa.eu), [www.edf-feph.org](http://www.edf-feph.org), <http://eu-un.europa.eu/>

**Time:** 3.00 to 4.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room3

### **Title:   Realizing the Right to Sport and Physical Activity in 2015 and Beyond**

**Organizer:**Institute for Human Centered Design

**Co-Sponsors:**International Disability Alliance (IDA); Lakeshore Foundation; American College of Sports Medicine

**Details:** This event will address supports for States Parties in realizing the right to sport and physical activity for people with disabilities as outlined in the CRPD. Information will be shared about new resources and networks, including the launch of a new advocacy campaign.

**Moderator:** Amy Farkas Karageorgos, Inclusion4Development

**Opening remarks:** Eli Wolff, Institute for Human Centered Design

**Speakers:**

* Ambassador Ma, Republic of Korea to Denmark, Chair of the International Working Group on Sport for Development and Peace (SDP IWG) Thematic Working Group on Sport and Persons with Disabilities
* Representative from the International Disability Alliance
* Mary Allison Cook on behalf of the Global Partnership on Children with Disabilities (GPcwd) Task Force on Physical Activity and Sport
* Clare Childs, Motivation
* Closing remarks: Jim Whitehead, American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM)

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**Website:** <http://humancentereddesign.org>, <http://committoinclusion.org>, [www.sportanddev.org](http://www.sportanddev.org)

**Time:** 3.00 to 4.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room12

### **Title:   Preventing and eliminating violence against girls and women with disabilities:** **learning from good practice in nine countries**

**Organizer:**Handicap International

**Co-Sponsors:**Women Enabled International, Syracuse University College of law Disability Law and Policy Program, Ethiopian Centre for Disability and Development

**Details:** Women and girls with disabilities are subjected to violence throughout the world. Yet they remain largely invisible in inclusive development. This session brings together activists and experts to highlight good practices that address such violence, which is exacerbated by poverty, humanitarian crises as well as the lack of reliable data.

**Speakers:**

Speakers:

1. Introduction: Diane Kingston, Vice Chair, CRPD Committee, Working Group on Women and Girls with Disabilities (confirmed)

2. Sharing good practices and recommendations: Women with disabilities representing the good practices from Fiji, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, Uruguay, Kenya, Israel, Canada

3. Concluding remarks: Catalina Devandas, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Moderators: Yetnebersh Nigussi, ECDD, Ulrike Last, HI & other Technical Advisory Committee Members

**Flyer**

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**Website:** [www.makingitwork-crpd.org](http://www.makingitwork-crpd.org)

<http://www.handicap-international.us>

<http://www.WomenEnabled.org>

<http://law.syr.edu/academics/centers-institutes/disability-law-and-policy-program/>

**Time:** 4.45 to 6.00 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 12

### **Title: Deinstitutionalization, Social Protection and the SDGs: The Way Forward**

**Organizer/s**: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR); Lumos; Human Rights Watch

**Co-sponsor/s**: PM New Zealand; Delegation of the European Union; Light for the World.

**Details:** Using case studies from around the world, we aim to 1) raise awareness and highlight good practices of de-institutionalisation programs for children with disabilities; and 2) raise awareness of the link between de-institutionalization, disaggregation of data and support for social protection systems within the SDG negotiations.

**Speakers:**

* Nolan Quigley, Advocacy and Campaigns Manager at Lumos (with pre recorded youth self-advocates by video)
* Shantha Rau Barriga, Director, Disability Rights Division, Human Rights Watch
* Facundo Chavez, Human Rights & Disability Advisor, OHCHR
* Catalina Devandas Aguilar, Special Rapporteur for the rights of people with disabilities (to be confirmed)
* Charlotte McClain-Nhlapo, Disability Advisor, World Bank

**Website**:

## **10 JUNE**

**Time:** 8.00 to 9.30 a.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room6

### **Title:   Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Response: Case Studies and Good Practices**

**Organizer:** PM of Australia in association with Women’s Refugee Commission, Human Rights Watch and International Disability Alliance

**Co-Sponsors:**

 **Details:** Women’s Refugee Commission, Human Rights Watch, and the International Disability Alliance will present findings from research conducted in Central African Republic, Jordan, Ethiopia, Burundi, and North Caucasus, highlighting challenges faced by persons with disabilities in humanitarian crises, including gender-based violence.

The panel will also share recommendations and highlight effective methods for leveraging the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to advance the inclusion of persons with disabilities across humanitarian action.

**Speakers:**

* Peter Versegi, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations
* Emma Pearce, Senior Program Officer, Women’s Refugee Commission
* Kriti Sharma, Researcher, Disability Rights Division, Human Rights Watch
* Mary Crock, Professor of Public Law, Associate Dean Postgraduate Research Faculty of Law, University of Sydney
* Ron McCallum, Labor Lawyer and Activist
* Rachel Kachaje, Former Malawian Minister for Disability and Activist

**Invitation:** <http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8_australia.pdf>

**Website:** <https://womensrefugeecommission.org/about>

**Time:** 10.00 to 11.30 a.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 3

### **Title:   Arab Youth with Disabilities and opportunities of Empowerment and Inclusion:** **Cases from Palestine, Syria, and Morocco.**

**Organizer:**Arab Regional Office of the Disabled People’s International

**Co-Sponsors:**State of Palestine; PMs Egypt and UAE; DESA.

**Details:** The event will bring, in addition to expert panelists, a group of Arab young women and men with disabilities for the first time to the United Nations. These youths will be sharing their experiences in a variety of areas, including employment and vocational rehabilitation, relief and emergency, and disability monitoring. Furthermore, this event would target representatives of different UN Agencies, Diplomatic Commissions of UN Country Members, and international development organizations. Having this significant variety of audience at this event aims at enhancing the vision toward the creation of a new paradigm at the level of the ongoing dialogue on disability and development, particularly with the essential and effective engagement of the global south.

**Speakers**:

* Sylvana Lakkis-Welcoming Remarks-Chairperson of the DPI Arab Region
* Mohammed Ali Loutfy- Executive Director of the DPI Arab Region
* ChaviaAli,chairperson,Cultural Forum for people with special needs in the Syrian Arab Republic
* Shatha Abu Srour,Member,Disability Activist and member in the General Union for Palestinians with Disability.
* Adil BENSALAH, chairperson, La fédération nationale des sourds du Maroc

**Website:** [www.dpi.org](http://www.dpi.org)

**Time:** 10.00 to 11.30 a.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 6

### **Title:   Sustainable Accessibility Global Forum**

**Organizer:**World Disability Union

**Co-Sponsors:**

**Details**: Our aim is to contribute in a way to live quality worthy of human dignity for all persons with disabilities in education from home and environmental life, health, employment, arts, sports, always everywhere, from travel to resorts and on the basis of equality of opportunity in every floor. The sustainable accessibility priority of the based rights obligations are for persons with disabilities to be involved in the community fully and effectively.

**Speakers:**

* WDU Vice President NECDET OZTURK
* WDU General Secretary YASEMIN YUSUFOFF
* WDU Standards Committee SUZAN K. BATU
* WDU USTAD Coordinator MAHMUT SOGUKPINAR
* WDU Standards Committee EMRAH GURER
* WDU Standards Committee ALAN JAMES CHERRY
* WDU USTAD Communication JASON DASILVA

**Website:** [www.worlddisabilityunion.org](http://www.worlddisabilityunion.org)

**Media Briefing:** <http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8_media_briefing_wdu.docx>

**Time:** 10.00 to 11.30 a.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 12

### **Title:   The right of persons with disabilities to live independently and be included in the community**

**Organizer:**Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and PM Italy

**Co-Sponsors:**PM New Zealand, Austria , Brazil, Egypt and Saudi Arabia; International Disability Alliance; Disabled Persons International.

**Details:** The Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities (CRPD) stresses that persons with disabilities should be able to live independently and participate fully in all aspects of life. Moreover, persons with disabilities must be guaranteed equal rights to live in the community, with choices equal to others. To this end, States Parties should take appropriate measures to facilitate the full enjoyment by persons with disabilities of the right to live independently and be included in the community on an equal basis with others, which includes access to the physical environment and the ability to participate in economic, social and political life. Among such measures, the implementation of National Strategies on Disability, in coherence with the CRPD and the positive linkages between public actors and civil society are fundamental to an effective application of independent living policies consistent with the CRPD.

Main objectives

* Discuss independent living models and propose new social protection policies for persons with disabilities
* Share best practices, concrete examples as well as remaining challenges of the UN CRPD implementation

**Moderator:** Mr. Facundo Chavez Penillas, Human Rights and Disability Advisor, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

**Welcoming Remarks 10.00 – 10.20 am**

* H.E. Amr Abul Atta, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations
* H.E. Inigo Lambertini, Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations
* Dr. Abdulmohsen Alyas, Deputy Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations
* Maria Soledad Cisternas Reyes, Chair, CRPD Committee (TBC)

**Panel discussion 10.20 – 11.00 am**

* Ms. Maria Alarcos, World Health Organization
* Dr. Heba Hagrass, Secretary General of the National Council of Disabilities, Egypt
* Mr. Alfredo Ferrante, Ministry of Labor and Social Policies, Italy
* MD PhD Faleh Alrashidi, Ministry for Social Affairs, General Director, Saudi Arabia
* Mr. Robert Martin, People First, New Zealand
* Mr. Michael Fembek, Director of the Zero Project, Essl Foundation, Austria

 **Discussion 11:00 – 11:30 am
Website:** [www.ohchr.org](http://www.ohchr.org), [www.un.org/disabilities](http://www.un.org/disabilities)

**Time:** 11.45 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 3

### **Title:   Development of co-produced community-based services to enjoy rights and be** **included in the community**

**Organizer:**EASPD (European Association of Service providers for Persons with disabilities)

**Co-Sponsors:**European Commission

**Details:** The development and the set-up of community-based person-centred support services, according to Article 19 of the UN CRPD (Living Independently and Being Included in the Community) poses many challenges for the different actors of society. This requires in the first place the set-up of de-institutionalisation processes and the transition to community based services that can support individual needs. Cooperation across stakeholders – including cooperation and co-production with users of services – is vital to ensure the development of truly inclusive societies, where participation and active involvement of persons with disabilities is a reality.

**Speakers:**

* Chair: Mr. Luk Zelderloo, Secretary General, EASPD
* Ms Sabrina Ferraina, Senior Policy Officer, European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD)
* Mrs Inmaculada Placencia Porrero, Deputy Head of Unit of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Directorate General Employment and Social affairs and inclusion European Commission
* Mrs Catherine Naughton, Director of the European Disability Forum
* Mrs Elke Sleurs, Secretary of State
* Mr Cveto Ursic, Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities Directorate for Persons with Disabilities, War Veterans and Victims of War

**Website:** [www.easpd.eu](http://www.easpd.eu)
[www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8\_easpd\_side\_event\_concept\_paper.docx](http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8_easpd_side_event_concept_paper.docx)

**Time:** 11.45 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room6

### **Title:   The Technology Revolution: Innovating for a Better Quality of Life for People with Disabilities**

**Organizer:**PM Israel

**Co-Sponsors:**PM Germany; Beit Issie Shapiro

**Details:** Over the past several years we have been witness to the rapid development of technology and its ability to open up possibilities for participation for people with disabilities and for making their voices heard. Technology, therefore, is one of the most important means to increasing inclusion of people with disabilities within the community. On the other hand, new technologies which are not accessible create barriers for people with disabilities.

Articles 9 and 20 of the CRPD mention the accessibility of technology and its availability in order to promote personal ability. The panel will showcase a number of initiatives which illustrate how to promote the development of accessible technologies and how to adapt them for different disabilities.

**Speakers:**

* H.E. Ambassador David Roet, Deputy Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations
* H.E Ambassador Heiko Thoms, Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations
* Mr. Ahiya Kamara, Commissioner for Equal Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Justice, Israel
* Ms. Jean Judes, Executive Director, Beit Issie Shapiro, Changing the lives of people with Disabilities, Israel
* Ms. Eve Andersson, Manager of the Accessibility Engineering group in Google Research, USA
* Mr. Mark Coppin, Director of Assistive Technology at the Anne Carlsen Center, Apple distinguished educator, USA
* Mr. Oded Ben Dov, CEO, Sesame Enable, Israel

**Website**:

**Time:** 11.45 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 12

### **Title:   Monitoring our rights: A Tool for Evidence-based Participatory Policy-making**

**Organizer:**Disability rights Promotion International (DRPI)

**Co-Sponsors:**Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), York University, Toronto, Canada

**Details:** This side-event focuses on DRPI’s participatory methodology for monitoring disability rights through:

1. Monitoring that includes people with disabilities as integral to data collection
2. Well-planned monitoring as a contribution to more effective policy-making
3. Recognizing persons with disabilities as legitimate researchers
4. Monitoring as a tool for North/South dialogue

**Speakers:**

* Marcia H. Rioux, Distinguished Research Professor, School of Health Policy and Management, Faculty of Health, York Institute for Health Research, York University; Canada, Co-Director Disability Rights Promotion International
* Jose Viera, Latin America Regional Officer, Disability Rights Promotion International, Buenos Aires, Argentina
* Kuhu Das, Director, Association for Women with Disabilities (AWWD), West Bengal, India

**Website:** [www.yorku.ca/drpi](http://www.yorku.ca/drpi)

**Time:** 11.45 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

**Venue:** U.S. Mission to the United Nations**:** 799 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY (Across the street from the United Nations Headquarters)

### **Title:   Disability Counts: Disability, data & the post-2015 development agenda -** **operationalizing Article 31 from theory to reality**

**Organizer:**PM United States

**Co-Sponsors:**PM UK and Australia; DFID; DFAT; Leonard Cheshire Disability; International Disability Alliance

**Details:** To apprise participants of the broad efforts underway in the field of disability data collection, and discuss next steps and methodologies to ensure that the post-2015 development agenda effectively and timely integrates disability data collection so that we truly leave no one behind, including persons with disabilities.

**Speakers:**

Welcome: Amb. Richard Erdman, Acting U.S. Representative to ECOSOC

Moderator: Ms. Judith Heumann, Special Advisor for International Disability Rights, U.S. Department of State

Presenters:

* Prof. Nora Groce, Director, Leonard Cheshire Disability & Inclusive Development Ctr.
* Mr. Fiach O’Broin-Molloy, Disability Policy Specialist, UK DFID
* Mr. Mika Kontiainen, Director, Disability, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia
* Mr. Stefan Schweinfest, Director, United Nations Statistics Division
* Mr. Vladimir Cuk, Executive Director, International Disability Alliance
* Ms. Charlotte McClain-Nhlapo, Global Disability Advisor, the World Bank Group

**Website**: Please RSVP to GuernseyKN@state.gov with name and affiliation.

**Time:** 1.15 to 2.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room4

### **Title:   Leave No One Behind: International Cooperation on Disability in the Post-2015 Era**

**Organizer:**Disability Rights Fund, Inc.; Disability Rights Advocacy Fund, Inc.

**Co-Sponsors:**PM United Kingdom & Australia.

**Details:** The post-2015 process has adopted the slogan, Leave No One Behind. The CRPD’s article 32 emphasizes the importance of international cooperation in achieving the rights of persons with disabilities, including the right to be included in development. This side event will detail new disability strategies emerging from two bilateral agencies, the UK and Australia, as well as the new disability strategy of Google. The Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will introduce the topic and moderate.

**Speakers:**

* Ms. Catalina Devandas (Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities)
* Mr Mika Kontiainen (Director Disability, Development Policy Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia)
* Mr. Fiach O’Broin-Molloy (Policy & Technical Specialist - Disability, Inclusive Societies Department, Policy Division, Department for International Development, UK)
* Ms. Brigitte Gosselink (Principal at Google.org)
* Ms. Diana Samarasan (Founding Executive Director, Disability Rights Advocacy Fund and Disability Rights Fund)

**Website**: [www.disabilityrightsfund.org](http://www.disabilityrightsfund.org); [www.drafund.org](http://www.drafund.org)

**Time:** 1.15 to 2.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 6

### **Title:   Protection and safety of persons with disabilities in situations of humanitarian crises and disasters**

**Organizer:**Inter-Agency Support Group (IASG) for the CRPD

**Co-Sponsors:** PM New Zealand; International Disability Alliance (IDA); International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC).

**Details:** The IASG side event aims to provide a forum for discussing ways to support the inclusion of the rights of persons with disabilities in the work of United Nations departments, agencies, programs and funds responsible for ensuring the respect for human rights in situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies. The event will also seek to clarify the scope of the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the context of previous and ongoing preparedness, response and recovery efforts.

**Speakers:**

* Welcome and opening remarks: Mr. Mr. Lenni Montiel, Assistant-Secretary-General for Economic Development (tbc)
* Key note: Ms. Hon Nicky Wagner, Minister of Disability Issues, New Zealand
* Ms. Gisela Nauk, Section Chief, Inclusive Social Development, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
* Ms. Maryanne Diamond, Chairperson, International Disability Alliance
* Ms. Valerie Scherrer, Subject Expert and Director CBM Emergency Response Unit
* Moderator: Mr. Gopal Mitra, UNICEF

**Website**: <http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8_iasg_side_event_concept_note.docx>

**Time:** 1.15 to 2.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 7

### **Title:   Voices of People affected by Leprosy**

**Organizer:**Disabled People's International (DPI)

**Co-Sponsors:**The Nippon Foundation; PMs Ethiopia and Japan; DESA

 **Details:** DPI through this event envisages creating awareness on issues related to people affected by Leprosy and ensuring they are included in the global disability agenda. It will be for the first time in the history of COSP that the issue of Leprosy will be talked of in the same breath as that of disability. The panel will include people with leprosy from countries of the Global South amongst other dignitaries.

**Speakers:**

* Mr. Yōhei Sasakawa, Chairman of The Nippon Foundation and the World Health Organization Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination
* Mr. Javed Abidi, Global Chairperson, Disabled People’s International
* Dr. P.K. Gopal, President, International Association for Integration, Dignity and Economic Advancement (IDEA)
* Mr. Jose Ramirez, International Working Group on Leprosy, The Nippon Foundation, United States
* Mr. Tatsuya Tanami
* Mr. Lenni Montiel
* H.E. Mr. Yoshifumi Okamura

**Website**: [www.dpi.org](http://www.dpi.org)

**Time**: 1.15 to 2.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 9

**Title:**   Accessibility to Electoral Processes and Political Participation

**Organizer:**  Permanent Missions of Argentina, Ecuador, Paraguay and the Republic of Korea to the United Nations

**Co-Sponsors:** DPA

**Details:** The main purpose of this side-event is to display and exchange good practices at the national and international level in the field of accessibility to electoral processes and political participation of persons with disabilities, in the framework of the content of Article 29 of the Convention.

**Speakers:**

-Opening Remarks: H.E. María Cristina Perceval - Permanent Representative of Argentina

**Keynote Addresses:**

* Representative of Argentina (TBD)
* Lic. Rocío Florentín, Minister-Executive Secretary of the National Secretariat for the Human Righst of Persons with Dissabilities (SENADIS), Paraguay.
* Representative of Ecuador (TBD).
* Mr. Mansour Sadeghi, Electoral Asistance Division, Department of Political Affairs (DPA), United Nations.
* Moderator: Prof. Silvia Bersanelli, President of the National Advisory Commission for the Integration of Persons with Dissabilities (CONADIS),

**Time:** 1.15 to 2.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room12

**Title: Sustainable Development Goal Strategy to create the Amenity Society by enhancing accessible information & communication technology (ICT)**

**Organizer:** Representatives of the Korean DPOs, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea, International Disability Alliance (IDA, TBC)

**Co-Sponsors:** Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea, Webwatch, Korea Institute Web Accessibility Certification and Value

**Details:** Our aim is 1) to introduce PWDs developed projects to create a disability-friendly information accessible environment in Korea. 2) to improve independent living in the community using ICT knowledge. 3) and to suggest an international cooperation to create a global disability inclusive cooperation in the sustainable development policy.

**Speakers:**

Opening:

- Ambassador Oh Joon, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea

* Representatives of the Korean DPOs
* IDA (TBC)
* Moderated by Mr. Hyung-Shik Kim, Member of UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with disabilities

Session 1: Accessibility to create a disability-friendly community

* Ambassador Audrey Webson, Permanent Mission of Antigua and Barbuda
* Mr. Buhm-Jae Lee, Chair of Websatch
* Mr. Yeong-Man Jeong, Chair of Muscle disabilities Association of Korea
* Mr. Hyun-Keun Hong, Korea Association of Persons with Physical Disabilities
* (Other speakers being finalized)

Session 2: Incheon Strategy and ICT on disability

- Ms. Nanda Krairiksh, Director of Social Development Division, ESCAP (TBC)

- Ms. Myoung-Hwa Yoo, Secretary-general of RI Korea

**Website:**

**Time:** 1.15 to 2.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Millennium Hotel

### **Title:   Delivering Inclusion through Innovation in Local Practice: Examples from the UAE and GCC**

**Organizer:**PM United Arab Emirates and Pineda Foundation / World ENABLED

**Co-Sponsors:**International Disability Alliance (TBC)

**Details:** This session introduces innovative policies and programs from the UAE and the broader region to highlights some of the challenges and opportunities for implementing the CRPD at the local level. Speakers and distinguished guests will share their experiences from three distinct areas (1) Innovation in inclusive urban development (2) Innovations in inclusive education (3) Sports, recreation and play with the aim to strengthen greater coordination of activities across the region. Note: This event is over capacity and RSVP is closed. Admission was limited to the first 25 registrants.

**Speakers:**

₋ Moderator: Dr. Victor Santiago Pineda, President, Pineda Foundation / World ENABLED, Lecturer, University of California

₋ Dr. Salem Ali AlShafei, Director of Policies and Programs, Rights of People with Disabilities at The Executive Council, Government of Dubai

₋ Mrs. Mariam Al Qubaisi, Head of the special-needs sector at the Zayed Higher Organisation for Humanitarian Care and Special Needs

₋ Dr. Ahmad Alsaif, Saudi Arabian Candidate to the CRPD Committee

**Website:** [www.worldenabled.org](http://www.worldenabled.org)

**Time:** 3.00 to 4.30 pm.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 3

### **Title: Developing National-Level Disability Data Strategies**

**Organizer/s:** Canadian Association for Community Living; Council of Canadians with Disabilities with inclusion international

**Co-sponsor/s**: Interpretive and audio-visual services funded by the Government of Canada

**Details:** Challenges in national survey design from a social model of disability perspective persist, but some innovative disability data strategies are being developed, piloted and scaled at the national level. This session looks at the data strategy in Canada and in other countries, and efforts at the international level to develop a global picture on disability.

**Speakers:**

-Tim Stainton, Session Chair (Canada) – PhD, Professor and Director, School of Social Work; and Director, Centre for Citizenship and Inclusion, University of British Columbia

-Nancy Milroy-Swainson (Canada) – Director General, Office for Disability Issues, Government of Canada

-Juan Pablo Salazar (Colombia) Director, Presidential Plan for Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities, Republic of Colombia

-Adele Furrie (International) - Independent Consultant, past work includes U.S. Department of Labour, Handicap International, Statistics New Zealand, United Nations Statistical Division, and UNICEF

-Fiach O’Broin-Molloy (International) - Policy and Technical Specialist – Disability, UK Department for International Development

**Website:** [www.cacl.ca](http://www.cacl.ca)

**Time:** 3.00 to 4.30 pm.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 6

### **Title: The Role of Public Procurement in Promoting Accessibility**

**Organizer/s:** G3ict – Global Initiative for Inclusive Information and Communications Technologies **Co-sponsor/s:** Disabled People’s International (DPI); International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

**Details:**

Public procurement is an effective tool to promote accessibility and is a requirement for all States Parties implementing the CRPD. This roundtable session will review:

Requirements for States Parties and model policy for public procurement

Current procurement policies and standards

Benefits of harmonizing policies and standards

**Speakers:**

* James Thurston, Vice President, Global Strategy and Development, G3ict
* Javed Abidi, Chair, Disabled People’ International (DPI)
* Inmaculada Placencia-Porrero, Deputy Head of Unit, Rights of Persons with Disabilities, DG Employment and Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
* Swathi T.P., IBM India
* Jesus Toledano Landero, Director General, CONADIS Mexico
* Representative of the European Disability Forum
* David Capozzi, Executive Director, U.S. Access Board
* Andrew Kirkpatrick, Group Project Manager, Accessibility, Adobe Systems
* Alex Li, Strategic Standards Analyst, Microsoft

**Website:** [www.g3ict.org](http://www.g3ict.org)

**Time:** 3.00 to 4.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 12

### **Title:   Conference on Accessible Tourism Latin America and the Caribbean to be held in the Dominican Republic on July, 2015**

**Organizer:**PM Dominican Republic

**Co-Sponsors:**

**Details:** This event has the objective to inform about the first Conference on Accessible Tourism Latin America and the Caribbean to be held in the Dominican Republic on July 22-24, 2015. This conference aims to address the competitive advantages of accessible tourism, the economic benefits it generates, in addition to what can be brought forth to the goal of each participating country that promotes being inclusive of people with disabilities, as well as to present success stories, best practices, trends, processes and lessons learned.

**Moderator:**

* Mr. Magino Corporan, Director of the National Council on Disabilities

**Website: www.conadis.gob.do**

**Time:** 4.45 to 6.00 pm.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 3

### **Title:   Income Security Issue of PWDs in the World: Status Quo, Challenges, Future Plans**

**Organizer:**KODAF (Korea Differently Abled Federation)

**Co-Sponsors:**KODAF fundings

**Details:** This event explores income security issues of PWDs around the world, particularly focusing on employment, flaws of meritocracy and minimum wage, employment promotion subsidies, social security and insurance systems. Panelists will share the current situation of PWDs’ income security within their community, and discuss practical ways for DPOs to exert influence and bring change to all societies through global cooperation.

**Speakers:**

* Eungho Ahn, Chairperson, KODAF (Confirmed)
* KyungLim Moon, Income Security Issue of Korean PWDs, KODAF (Confirmed)

**Website**: <http://www.kodaf.or.kr/english/summary.asp?v=summary>

<http://www.kodaf.or.kr/english/eng_board.asp?v=eng_board>

**Time:** 4.45 to 6.00 pm.

**Venue:** Conf. Room6

### **Title:** New Education Perspectives for Palestinian Refugee Children with Disabilities in Lebanon

**Organizer:**World Vision Lebanon

**Co-Sponsors:**Permanent Missions TBC

**Details:** This side event will mainly focus on the pilot project, New Education Perspectives for Children with Special Learning Needs, which aims at ensuring proper inclusion for children with disabilities and special learning needs in Lebanon’s most marginalized communities; the Palestinian community living in the most unprivileged camps.

**Speakers**:

* Zeina Zouein, Project Manager, World Vision Lebanon

**Website**: [www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8\_invitation\_uncrpd\_event.pdf](http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8_invitation_uncrpd_event.pdf)

**Time:** 4.45 to 6.00 pm.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 12

### **Title:   Exploitation and trafficking of people with disabilities in orphanages, psychiatric facilities, and other institutions: Using international litigation, media advocacy, and public education to end these abuses.**

**Organizer:**Mental Disability Rights International (now known as Disability Rights International)

**Co-Sponsors:**Mental Disability Rights International, Colectivo Chuhcan (Mexico), Your Dimension (Ukraine), Colectivo Vida Independiente (Guatemala)

**Details:** Activists from Mexico, Guatemala, and Ukraine will describe the problem of labor exploitation and sex trafficking in and from orphanages, psychiatric facilities and other institutions. Disability Rights International (DRI) and partners will describe the use of the inter-American human rights system, media advocacy, and public education to end these practices.

**Speakers:**

* Eric Mathews, Associate Director, Mental Disability Rights International (now known as Disability Rights International)
* Silvia Quan, Colectivo Vida Independiente, Guatemala
* Halyna Kurylo, Your Dimension & MDRI-Ukraine
* Humberto Guerrero, MDRI-Mexico
* Priscilla Rodriguez, MDRI Women’s Rights Initiative
* Natalia Santos Estrada (Colectivo Chuhcan).

**Website**: [www.driadvocacy.org/](http://www.driadvocacy.org/)

**Time:** 6.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Danny Kaye Hall, UNICEF House, 44th Street (between 1st & 2nd Avenue)

**Title:   #DrawDisability exhibition**

**Organizer:**UNICEF

**Details:** To mark the 8th session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities the United Nations Secretary-General’s Global Education First Initiative together with the Disability and Education Sections of UNICEF cordially invites you to attend the launch of the #DrawDisability exhibition. \* Light refreshments will be served.

**Flyer:** [www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8\_final\_anouncement\_drawdisability.doc](http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8_final_anouncement_drawdisability.doc)

## **11 JUNE**

**Time:** 10.00 to 11.30 a.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 3  **Title: Leaving no one behind: disability-inclusive indicators in the post-2015 framework
Organizer/s:** Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights & ADD International
**Co-sponsor/s:** PM Finland and Brazil

**Details:**

**Welcome :** H.E. Ambassador Kai Sauer, Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations

**Moderator** : Ms. Catalina Devandas-Aguilar, UnitedNations Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities

**Presenters :**

* Mr. FacundoChavez Penillas , Adviser on Human Rights and Disability, Office of theHigh Commissioner for Human rights
* Mr. Vladimir Cuk , Executive Director,International Disability Alliance
* Prof. NoraGroce , Director, Leonard Cheshire Disability & InclusiveDevelopment Ctr
* Ms. LindaHooper , Statistician, UN Statistics Division, United Nations Departmentfor Social Affairs
* Mr. MosharrafHossain , Director of Policy and Influencing, ADD International
* Prof.Jennifer Madans , Associate Director for Science, National Center forHealth Statistics, USA and Chair, Washington Group on Disability Statistics
* Ms.Petronella Masabane , Focal Point on Disability Architecture, AfricanUnion Commission (tbc)
* Mr. B Venkatesh , Chair, of CBR Global Network

**Website**: [www.ohchr.org](http://www.ohchr.org); [www.add.org.uk](http://www.add.org.uk)

**Time:** 10.00 to 11.30 a.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 12

### **Title:   The Marrakesh: An Implementation of the CRPD**

**Organizer:**World Blind Union

**Co-Sponsors:**PM of Antigua and Barbuda and International Disability Alliance (IDA)

**Details:** The event will feature a Panel discussion, highlighting the importance of ratification and implementation of the Marrakesh Treaty for Blind, Visually Impaired and Print Disabled Persons. In particular, it will focus on the Treaty’s importance to the realization of Articles 9, 19, 21, 24, 30 and 32 of the UNCRPD.

**Speakers:**

₋ Chair: Mr. Arnt Holte: President WBU

₋ Panellists:

₋ His Excellency, Dr. Aubrey Webson: Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda

₋ Mrs. Maryanne Diamond: Immediate Past President, WBU, Chair WBU’s Marrakesh Treaty Ratification Campaign and Chair of IDA

₋ Mr. Monthian Buntan, Member of the CRPD Committee, representing Thailand

₋ Senator Kerryann Ifill, President of the Senate of Barbados

₋ Dr. Penny Hartin, Chief Executive Officer, WBU

**Website:** [www.worldblindunion.org](http://www.worldblindunion.org)

**Time:** 11.45 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 3  **Title: Disability in the period of turmoil in the Arab World
Organizer/s:** Arab Organization of Disabled People (AODP); International Disability Alliance (IDA), and ESCWA **Co-sponsor/s:** DESA

**Details:** The political and military instability in the Arab World are rendering thousands of people disabled. With the increasing of the refugees in Syria and Iraq as a result of the conflict, many new challenges have been developed including medical and rehabilitation support for newly injured persons with disabilities. Based on these facts, the discussion will focus of what have been done and need to be done to meet these challenges.

**Co-chairs:**

* Mr.Yannis Vardakastanis, IDA Former Chair & EDF Chair
* Mrs.Rachel Kachaje, 2nd Deputy Chair, DPI

**Speakers**

* Mrs. Gisela Nauk, Social Policy Section, Chief ( ESCWA)
* Mr. Kalle Konkkola,Finish Ambassador on Disability, Finland
* Dr. Heba Haggras, The general secretary of the National Council on Disability, Egypt(TBC)
* Mr.Giampiero Emilio Griffo,DPI World Council member, Italy
* Mr. AbedAlmajid Makni, Morocco
* Dr. Nawaf Kabbara,AOPD President, Lebanon

**Time:** 11.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 6

**Title:  Psychosocial and Mental Disabilities**

**Organizer:**American Psychiatric Association (APA), International Psychoanalytical Association (IPA)

**Co-Sponsors:** PM Republic of Korea

**Details:** Psychosocial and mental disabilities have certain unique characteristics which should be considered while implementing CRPD. This side event will be focused on discussing dimensions of psychosocial and mental disabilities in the context of CRPD.

**Speakers**

Welcome: Vivian Pender, MD (APA, IPA)

Moderator: Andriy Yuryev, MD, PhD (APA)

Speakers:

* Evaristo Akerele, MD, MPH (Associate Professor, Columbia University); Psychosocial and Mental Disabilities in Africa
* Linda Freeman, MD (APA), Psychosocial and Mental Disabilities in Children
* Felix Torres, MD (APA), Forensic Aspects of Psychosocial and Mental Disabilities
* Oleg Serezhin, TCU, DSPD

Website: [www.psychiatry.org](http://www.psychiatry.org), [www.ipa.org](http://www.ipa.org)

**Time:** 11.45 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 12  **Title: Increasing Awareness and Knowledge about HIV and Disability Program Integration and Dissemination of Information on Ongoing Programmes, Opportunities And Challenges.
Organizer/s:** Society for Development and Community Empowerment (SDCE)
**Co-sponsor/s:** AS Marine Services

**Details**: Persons with disability are at a greater risk of HIV infection but often lack access to prevention, treatment, and support services due to barriers such as inaccessible health care centers or lack of information in appropriate alternate formats. There is also a general lack of awareness, knowledge and partnerships among key service and aid providers.

**Speakers:**

* Mr Kayode Adedoye
* Miss Param Maragatham
* Miss Sarah Almeshni

**Website**: [www.sdcec.org](http://www.sdcec.org), [www.sdc-m.interconnection.org](http://www.sdc-m.interconnection.org)

**Time:** 1.15 to 2.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 3

### **Title:   Intersection of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the** **UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: Promoting the Rights and Hearing the** **Voices of Indigenous Persons with Disabilities**

**Organizer:**Indigenous Persons with Disabilities Global Network (IPWDGN)

**Co-Sponsors:**PM New Zealand; International Disability Alliance (IDA); Disability Rights Advocacy Fund.

**Details:** This event will be an opportunity for dialogue between indigenous peoples and indigenous persons with disabilities in order to review areas of intersectionality between the UNDRIP and the UNCRPD and commitments made in the Outcome Document regarding indigenous persons with disabilities. Speakers will present relevant strategies already in place, particularly from the Asia-Pacific region, as well as areas for possible engagement.

**Speakers:**

**Website**:

**Time:** 1.15 to 2.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room4

### **Title:   High Level Panel Discussion on Addressing disability issues in critical situations.**

**Organizer:**PM Italy; DESA

**Co-Sponsors:**PM Belgium, Republic of Korea, Kenya and Vanuatu.

**Details:** According to the 2011 World Report on Disability (WRD) more than 1 billion people - or approximately 15% of the world’s population - experience some form of disability, with 80% of these cases living in developing countries. The recently adopted Sendai Declaration and Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030), set out seven targets, four priorities and a set of guiding principles for a post 2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. In view of furthering disability inclusive development in the context of the post-2015 global development agenda, the panel will discuss the following issues:

* How accessible infrastructures can reduce the risks of injuries in disasters for persons with disabilities
* How assistive technology can provide support to persons with disabilities when designing disasters emergency plans and disaster programs for persons with disabilities
* Role of international cooperation to build adequate national capacity to design programmes for persons with disabilities in natural disasters.

**Speakers:**

Welcoming Remarks

* Mr. Lenni Montiel, Assistant Secretary-General for DESA
* Mrs Elke Sleurs, Secretary of State for Equal Opportunities for All, Disabled Persons & Fight against Poverty, Belgium
* H.E. Sebastiano Cardi, Permanent Representative of Italy
* H.E. Oh Joon, Permanent Representative of Republic of Korea
* H.E. Odo Tevi, Permanent Representative of Vanuatu
* H.E. Koki Muli Grignon, Deputy Permanent Representative of Kenya

Panel discussion

Moderator: Ms. Daniela Bas, Director, DSPD/DESA

* Mr Sam Kaiapam, Ministry of Justice and Community Service, Vanuatu
* Ms. Lydia Muriuki, Secretary for Social Development, Kenya
* Mr Giampiero Griffo, Italian Network Disability and Development
* Mr. Hyung Shik Kim, Committee of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, RoK
* Ms Greet van Gool, Belgian Ministry of Social Security, Belgium
* Ms Akiko Ito, Chief, SCPRD, DSPD/DESA

**Flyer**

[www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8\_addressing\_disability\_issues.pdf](http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8_addressing_disability_issues.pdf)

[www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8\_note\_on\_hlpd\_disability.pdf](http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8_note_on_hlpd_disability.pdf)

**Time:** 1.15 to 2.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room6

### **Title:   DESA/DSPD Forum on Disability and Development**. **Part I: Accessible and Inclusive Urban Development.**

**Organizer:**DSPD/DESA

**Co-Sponsors:**PM Singapore, Ecuador, Japan, UAE; UN Habitat

**Details:** To contribute to the preparatory process leading up to Habitat III and its emerging “New Urban Agenda” as well as the broad post-2015 development discourses, this Forum is expected to provide a forum to exchange experiences, discuss remaining challenges and make recommendations on furthering comprehensive disability-inclusive urban development.

**Panelists:**

* Ms. Chia Yong Yong, President of SPD and Nominated Member of Parliament, Singapore
* Mr. Hiroshi Minami, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative, Japan
* Representative of Ecuador
* Ms. Yamina Djacta, Director of UN-Habitat liaison office in New York
* Dr. Victor Santiago Pineda, University of California Berkeley and Director of World Enabled + Inclusive City Lab

**Contributors:**

* H.E Ambassador Lana Nusseibeh, UAE
* H.E Kerryanne Ifil. President of Senate, Barbados

**Moderator:**

* UN DESA

**Website
Word Format:**

[www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8\_urban\_development.docx](http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8_urban_development.docx)
[www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8\_desa\_forum\_disability\_development.docx](http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8_desa_forum_disability_development.docx)

**Time:** 1.15 to 2.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room7

### **Title:   Post-2015 agenda and Education: Securing Inclusion as the Foundation**

**Organizer:**Inclusion International & UNICEF

**Co-Sponsors:**  OHCHR

**Details:** The post-2015 agenda and the sustainable development goals will have significant influence on how education is understood, approached and financed. To be successful it must have a CRPD driven approach that affirms the right to education is a right to inclusive education. This session will focus on securing inclusive education in the post-2015 development agenda, in particular in the sustainable development goal on education.

**Chair:** Klaus Lachwitz, President Inclusion International

**Speakers:**

* Rosangela Berman Bieler, Chief, Disability Section, Program Division, UNICEF
* Facundo Chávez Penillas, Human Rights & Disability Advisor, Human Rights and Economic and Social Issues Section, Research and Right to Development Division, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
* Philippe Testot-Ferry, Regional Advisor, Education/Regional Officer for CEE/CIS UNICEF
* Diane Richler – Past president Inclusion International

**Website:** [www.inclusion-international.org](http://www.inclusion-international.org)

**Time:** 1.15 to 2.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room12

### **Title:   Research Study Presentation: Can initial treatment using Cognitive Behavioral Therapy increase the positive quality of life for Parkinson’s disease psychosis patients?**

**Organizer:**Global Foundation for Democracy and Development

**Co-Sponsors:** NGO Committee on Mental Health; NGO Health Committee; UNA USA Council of Organizations.

**Details:** The Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) and its sister organization in the Dominican Republic, Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (Funglode) invite you to the official launch of the GFDD/Funglode publication of the research work of GFDD Fellow Mr. Henry Montero focused on Cognitive Behavioral Therapy evidence-based treatment for symptoms related to Parkinson’s disease psychosis.

The presentation of Mr. Montero’s work will take place as a side event during the 8th session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and will include several experts within the medical field, as well as other panelists from UN Member states.

**Speakers:**

* Mr. Henry Montero, Author, GFDD Fellow.

**Website:** <http://www.globalfoundationdd.org/upcoming_events.asp>

**Time:** 3.00 to 4.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 3

### **Title:   Intersectionality between the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** **(CRPD) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC): Linkages to the Post-2015 Development Agenda**

**Organizer:**CRPD Committee & UNICEF

**Co-Sponsors:**

 **Details:** Representatives from CRPD committee, CRC Committee, UNICEF and civil society will discuss on how to advance the rights of boys and girls with disabilities, upholding the legal framework and protection mechanisms under the scope of CRPD, CRC and other international instruments. This session will identify intersectionality between the CRPD and the CRC and how Member States, UN agencies and Civil Society can advocate for and contribute to implementation and monitoring of the Treaties’ recommendations and of the Committees’ concluding observations to State Parties related to children with disabilities, using the Post 2015 framework.

**Speakers:**

* Moderator: Mr. Facundo Chavez Penillas, Disability focal point OHCHR
* Speakers: Ms. Rosangela Berman Bieler, Chief of the Disability Section, UNICEF
* Ms. Silvia Quan, Vicechair CRPD Committee
* Mr. Jorge Cardona, CRC Committee
* IDA representative

**Website:** <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/CRPDIndex.aspx>[www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8\_flyer\_side\_event\_crpd.docx](http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8_flyer_side_event_crpd.docx)

**Time:** 3.00 to 4.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room6

### **Title:   Bridging the Gap**

**Organizer:**PM Qatar

**Co-Sponsors:**Shafallah Centre

**Flyer:** [www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8\_bridging\_the\_gap](http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8_bridging_the_gap)

**Time:** 3.00 to 4.30 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room12

### **Title:   Creative Technologies for Persons with Disabilities: The Future is Now**

**Organizer:**International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC)

**Co-Sponsors:**

**Details:** Session will focus on innovative technologies that can significantly reduce/remove barriers to empower persons with disabilities to participate in an inclusive society. Three presentations: Practical and innovative assistive device for the visually impaired, robotics for persons with disabilities, thermography as an assessment tool. Followed by discussion and recommendations for next steps.

**Speakers:**

* Dianne Davis, PhD Founding President, International Council for Caring Communities (Moderator)
* Bryan O’Young, MD Clinical Professor, Rusk Rehab at NYU Langone Medical Center, Vice Chair, International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ISPRM) – WHO Liaison Subcommittee on International Relations and Implementation of the UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities, World Report on Disability, and International Perspectives of Spinal Cord Injury
* (Keynoter)
* Sam Wu, MD, MA, MPH, MBA, Physiatrist in Chief, Geisinger Health Center (Speaker)
* Robert Schwartz, MD, President, American Academy of Thermology (Speaker)
* JR Rizzo, MD Director, Visuomotor Integration Lab at **NYU** Langone Medical Center (Speaker)

**Website**: <http://international-iccc.org>

**Time:** 4.45 to 6.00 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room3

### **Title:   Connecting the Last Mile: Addressing Legal and Policy Gaps in ICT Accessibility**

**Organizer:**Burton Blatt Institute at Syracuse University

**Co-Sponsors:** Global Initiative for Inclusive ICTs (G3ict), The World Bank

**Details:** This event addresses the role of information and communication technology (ICT) in surmounting technology access barriers that inhibit the participation of persons with disabilities in society. The panel brings together experts collaborating on ICT access as part of the Global Forum on Law, Justice and Development. Panelists will discuss law, policy, and social measures that States Parties may adopt to ensure ICT accessibility consistent with CRPD requirements, sharing best practices from policy and practice, including in the context of disability inclusive development, e-accessibility for persons with intellectual disabilities, political participation and voting, and model policy frameworks.

**Speakers:**

* Charlotte McClain-Nhlapo, Global Disability Advisor, World Bank (Moderator)
* Janet Lord, Senior Vice President, Human Rights and Inclusive Development, Burton Blatt Institute (Co-Moderator)
* Axel Leblois, President and Executive Director, G3ict
* Deepti Samant Raja, International Consultant on Disability-inclusive Development

**Flyer:** [www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8\_flyer\_connecting\_the\_last\_mile.docx](http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8_flyer_connecting_the_last_mile.docx)

**Website:** <http://bbi.syr.edu>

<http://www.globalforumljd.org/>

**Time:** 4.45 to 6.00 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room12

### **Title:** Post 2015: Strengthening partnerships for and with Children and Youth with Disabilities

**Organizer:**The Global Partnership on Children with Disabilities (GPcwd) and UNICEF

**Co-Sponsors:**

**Details:** The discussion during the side event will focus on importance of strengthening collaboration for children with disabilities. Four Task Forces of the GPcwd - Child Protection, Early Childhood Development, Leadership and Mentoring and Physical Activities and Sport will present their achievements to enhance the rights of Children with disabilities, share opportunities for engagement and announce key plans for the future in light of the Post-2015 agenda.

**Speakers:**

* Opening remarks: Ms. Rosangela Berman Bieler, Chief of the Disability Section at UNICEF
* Moderator: Prof. Nora Ellen Groce, Leonard Cheshire Chair Director, Leonard Cheshire Disability & Inclusive Development Centre
* Speakers: Mr. Nolan Quigley (Lumos Foundation) representing the GPcwd TF on Child protection
* Ms. Lilia Jelamschi (UNICEF, ECD Section) representing GPcwd TF on Early Childhood Development
* Ms. Regina Snowden (Partners for Youth with Disabilities) representing GPcwd TF on Leadership and Mentoring
* Ms. Amy Rauworth (Lakeshore Foundation) representing GPcwd TF on Physical Activity and Sport
* Representatives from IDA, IDDC and Youth Council

**Website:** [www.unicef.org/disabilities](http://www.unicef.org/disabilities) and [www.gpcwd.org](http://www.gpcwd.org)
[www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8\_unicef\_gpcwd.docx](http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8_unicef_gpcwd.docx)

**Time:** 6.15 to 8.00 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room6

### **Title:   Persons with disabilities and Humanitarian aid: discussion to foster inclusion of** **persons with disabilities in the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit’s outcomes**

**Organizer:**Handicap International

**Co-Sponsors:**

**Details:** Persons with disabilities are often excluded from humanitarian response. The session propose discussing how States, humanitarian actors including DPOs, can engage in the World Humanitarian Summit to ensure its outcomes foster the inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian aid and propose practical ways to implement article 11 of the CRPD.

**Speakers:**

* Handicap International
* Representative of Disabled People Organizations or International Disability Alliance (name to be confirmed).
* One State / donors agencies (name to be confirmed).
* WHS Secretariat (or UN agencies alternatively) (name to be confirmed).
* One mainstream humanitarian organization (name to be confirmed)

**Flyer:** [www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8\_flyer\_whs.docx](http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8_flyer_whs.docx)

**Website:**

Handicap International US : <http://www.handicap-international.us>

### **12 JUNE**

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

**Venue:** Conf. Room 4

### **Title:   DESA/DSPD Forum on Disability and Development.** **Part II: Operationalizing the post-2015 development agenda for persons with disabilities**

**Organizer:**DSPD/DESA

**Co-Sponsors:**TBD

**Details:** This Round Table Discussion will take stock of what has been achieved in advancing disability-inclusive development and will share a set of recommendations and ‘roadmap’ for implementation of the post-2015 framework

**Tentative list of speakers:**

* Mr. Alex Camacho Vásconez, Technical Secretary of Disabilities in Ecuador
* Ms. Kerryann Ifill, President of the Senate of Barbados
* A representative of the World Bank
* A representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
* A representative of UN DESA

**Website:**[www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8\_desa\_forum\_2\_operationalising\_post\_2015\_agenda\_cn.pdf](http://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/cosp8_desa_forum_2_operationalising_post_2015_agenda_cn.pdf)

**Invitation**

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**Programme**

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