



## **Roundtable 2: Addressing the rights and needs of older persons with disabilities: ageing and demographic trends**

(3.00 to 5.00 pm, December 1, 2020, WebEx Event)

### **Co-chairs:**

#### **Mr. Israel Choko Davies, Deputy Permanent Representative and Charge d'affaires at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Liberia to the United Nations**



Mr. Israel Choko Davies is Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Liberia to the United Nations and is currently Chargé d'affaires of that Mission. As Head of Chancery of the Liberian Mission, Mr. Davies also covers the work of the United Nations Fourth Committee for the Liberian Mission; as well as peace and security issues including the Peacebuilding Commission. Mr. Davies holds a Master of Business Administration, and a Post Graduate Diploma in International Relations and Contemporary Diplomacy. Prior to his assignment at the Permanent Mission of Liberia, Mr. Davies served as Assistant Minister for European Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Liberia. Mr. Davies uses his leisure time doing calligraphy and has keen interest in architecture and graphic design. His hobbies are playing sports, especially soccer, volleyball, and table tennis. His interest in making friends is encompassing. Mr. Davies can easily be reached on contact/whatsapp number: (91702546806); and email: [idasies@pmun.gov.lr](mailto:idasies@pmun.gov.lr) (official), and [israelives13@gmail.com](mailto:israelives13@gmail.com) (personal).

**Ms. Samridhi Rana, Disability Inclusion Adviser in the International Committee of the Red Cross**



Ms. Samridhi Rana has a proven record of a modern and state of the art academic knowledge and job experiences in disability inclusion. Ms. Rana brings empathy and compassion in ageing and disability services necessary to build trust and relationships with persons with disability and ageing population. Ms. Rana is a versatile capacity builder and leads media and face to face sessions with diverse stakeholders in both rural and urban settings. Ms. Rana has designed mainstreaming services and projects for people with disabilities, ageing population and their families. She is currently with the

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Nepal as a Disability Inclusion Adviser, and still voluntarily provides advice to the National Indigenous Disabled Women Association- Nepal (NIDWAN Nepal).

**Panellists:**



Ms. Ericka Álvarez Ramírez, Costa Rica

A woman with disability with extensive experience in the promotion and protection of human rights, with a focus on persons with disabilities, faithfully advocating for the recognition of legal capacity and the right to an independent life of persons with disabilities and their families. She is a lawyer by profession with a postgraduate degree in international human rights law from the University for Peace. In the professional field she has held various positions in the public service. She has served as Chief of Cabinet to the Vice President of the Republic from 2014 to 2018, and currently National Director of Social Security of the Ministry of Labor and Social Security, President of the Board of Directors of the National Council of People with Disabilities, as well as Director of the Board of the Joint Institute of Social Assistance of Costa Rica since 2017.

Since 2015, she is Costa Rica's Expert in the Inter-American Committee for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities. (CEDDIS).



Mr. Alexis Rinckenbach, France

Mr. Rinckenbach is the Head of the European and International Affairs Unit of the Social Cohesion General Directorate in the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health and at the State Secretariat for Disabled persons in France. Mr. Rinckenbach is the current Vice-chair of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing (WGA), and France's National Coordinator for the SDGs 1 and 5. He is also one of France's representatives at the EU's High-Level Group on Disability.



Mr. Giuseppe Recinto, Italy

Professor of private law at the University Federico II of Naples.

Among the main areas of research are fundamental rights, family law, the right of minors and the right to health.

Licensed to practice law and enrolled in the Special Register of Lawyers.

Mr. Recinto is currently advisor to the President of the Council of Ministers on disability issues and legal advisor to the Minister of University and Research.

Previously he was legal adviser to the Minister for Family and Disability and legal adviser to the Minister for European Affairs.



Ms. Jane Nyawira Miano, Kenya

Ms. Miano is the founder-coordinator of Focus of Disabled Persons in Nairobi, Kenya with half of membership aged 60 and above. She is a community leader and resource mobilizer for assistive devices for the most vulnerable persons with disabilities. She is 71 years old and is ageing with a disability as a wheelchair user, having suffered a bout of polio at 8 months of age.



Mr. U Soe Win, Myanmar

Mr. Win is 63 years and Chair of the Myanmar Association of Persons affected by Leprosy. He played an active role in Myanmar's CRPD ratification and has been involved in CRPD working group and Committee sessions. Mr. Win advocates for the rights of persons with leprosy related disabilities at the legislative level, and the rights of older persons with disabilities at national and global leprosy-related conferences. He is currently advocating for representation in the 2020 HRC Universal Periodic Review of Myanmar and the attention of the Independent Expert on the Rights of Older Persons towards barriers faced by older persons with disabilities in Myanmar.