**DSPD/DESA Forum on Disability-Inclusive Humanitarian Action**

**Sunday, 22 May, 2016, 13:00 – 17:00**

**Istanbul Technical University, Taşkışla Campus, Istanbul**

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| Increasingly, the world is facing a number of protracted humanitarian crises, which have a devastating impact on people's lives that is significantly greater for persons with disabilities. Emergency situations heighten the risks and vulnerabilities that persons with disabilities face as they seek out assistance and protection. The DSPD/DESA Forum on Disability-inclusive Humanitarian Action will explore challenges and opportunities faced by persons with disabilities in crises and provide an opportunity to share experiences and good practices, as well as to discuss the next steps in advancing disability inclusive humanitarian action. |
| **Programme**  **Session II: Present and future of disability-inclusive humanitarian response (15.30 – 17.00)**  This session will discuss how to successfully advance disability-inclusive humanitarian policies and their implementation in the global, regional, national and local contexts. The discussion will focus on the ‘next steps’ in the preparation for the follow up to the WHS. It will examine the role of governments, the UN system, organisations of persons with disabilities and other stakeholders in achieving the goal of disability-inclusive humanitarian action.  **Opening (13.00 – 13.20)**  Opening remarks  **Opening: Overview of disability inclusion in humanitarian crises: Challenges and obstacles (13.20 – 14.00)**  The Opening segment will discuss the status of disability-responsiveness in the context of on-going humanitarian crises and relief operations. It will include an overview of the current normative framework for persons with disabilities in situations of crises, and progress, challenges and obstacles in disability-inclusion in humanitarian responses at the institutional, policy and programme levels.  **Session I: Experiences and lessons learned in the advancement of disability-inclusive humanitarian responses (14.00 – 15.30)**  This session will consist of sharing experiences and lessons learned from humanitarian actors in the advancement of disability-inclusive humanitarian actions, including a discussion around particularly marginalised groups. This session will involve presentations from a few speakers followed by interactive dialogue. |



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