**PROGRAMME**

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

**22 May, 2016**

**Istanbul Technical University (Taşkışla Campus)**

**Provisional Programme**

**Opening Remarks**

**(13.00 – 13.20)**

The Opening segment will discuss the status of disability-responsiveness in the context of the on-going humanitarian crises and relief. 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 both policy and programme levels.

***Opening remarks***

1. Ms. Daniela Bas, Director of the Divisions of Social Policy and Development, DESA
2. Ms. Amina Azimi, South Asian Disability Forum

***Keynote address***

Mr. Stephen O’Brien, United Nations Under-Secretary General and Emergency Relief Coordinator

**Opening Session: An overview of disability inclusion in humanitarian crises: Challenges and obstacles**

**(13.20 – 14.00)**

***Global framework, challenges and obstacles***

Moderator: Ms. Safak Pavey

1. *Introduction to session:* DSPD/DESA
2. *Overall framework for disability-inclusive humanitarian action and current global situation* Ms. Safak Pavey, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
3. *Key issues and gaps in global policy and instruments/approaches to refugees with disabilities*: Ms. Kirstin Lange, UNHCR
4. *Key obstacles and challenges faced on the ground as a result of gaps in global frameworks:* Ms. Florence Daunis, Handicap international
5. *Participation and involvement of persons with disabilities in all aspects of humanitarian action:* Mr. Vladimir Cuk, International Disability Alliance
6. *Accessibility framework for humanitarian action:* Amb. H.E. Luis Gallegos

**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. This session will involve presentations from a few speakers followed by interactive dialogue.

*Video and remarks by Human Rights Watch*

Moderator: OHCHR

1. *Introduction:* DSPD/DESA
2. *Lessons learned from disability inclusion in disaster risk reduction and the Sendai process:* Ms. Valerie Schrerr, CBM
3. *Common challenges and positive practices on inclusion of women and girls with disabilities displaced by crisis and conflict:* Ms. Sarah Costa Executive Director, Women’s Refugee Commission
4. *Issues and lessons learned in humanitarian responses:* Mr. Gopal Mitra, UNICEF
5. *Invisible disabilities:* Dr. Takashi Izutsu, University of Tokyo
6. *Overview of key findings from research and involvement with displaced groups* : Prof Asha Hans, Shanta Memorial Rehabilitation Centre

Key respondents

* *Community-based approaches to DIDRR and translating lessons learned to humanitarian context:* Mr. Hiroshi Kawamura
* *Personal experience of person with disability in humanitarian conflict/crisis:* Ms. Roseweter Mudarikwa, Network of African Women with Disabilities
* *Youth representative:* Mr. Amagna Martin, South Sudan
* *Integration of disability in humanitarian responses*: Mr. Guilham Ravier, International Committee of the Red Cross
* *Host country perspective:* Ms. Gamze Sofuoglu, Turkcell
* *Lessons learned from engaging refugees with intellectual disabilities:* Fadia Farah and Mia Farah, Lebanese Association for Self-Advocacy
* *Transition from conflict to reconstruction:* Mr. Khaled Al-Mohtar, Rehabilitation International
* *Experiences working with displaced populations in Central African Republic:* Mr. Simplice Lenguy

**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, including a presentation on the global consultations and drafting of the Charter, as well as the next steps for the development of global guidelines and standards for disability inclusion. It will examine the role of governments, the UN system, organizations of persons with disabilities and other stakeholders in achieving the goal of disability-inclusive humanitarian action.

Moderator: DSPD/DESA

1. *Introduction*: DSPD/DESA
2. *Presentation on outcome of global consultations and overview of the Charter:* Mr. Camille Gosselin, Handicap International
3. *Road map for post WHS and the development of system-wide guidelines and standards:*  Ms. Emma Pearce, Women’s Refugee Commission
4. *Country level perspective: future for dealing with refugees with disabilities in Turkey and region:* Dr.Göksenin İnalhan, Technical University of Istanbul

Key respondents

* *Role of monitoring and evaluation*: Mr. Fred Smith, Sightsavers
* *Learning from implementation of Sendai framework:* Ms. Hiroko Awano, Nippon Foundation
* *Commitments moving forward:* Mr. Necdet Ozturk, World Disability Union

Closing remarks

Participants in the Forum are encouraged to share their experiences, expertise and ideas at the Forum. The following questions will guide discussions and contribute to the four established themes of the WHS:

* What good practices, standards and guidelines currently exist that can inform future work to strengthen *humanitarian effectiveness* in responses to persons with crises, including persons with disabilities?
* How can we *reduce marginalization and manage risks* associated with disability? How can the convergence of disability issues within international cooperative agreements and development policies and programmes be improved?
* From the disability perspective what types of innovation are needed in current responses?
* How can multi-stakeholder partnerships including organizations of persons with disabilities fast-track and improve responsiveness to persons with disabilities in humanitarian crises?
* What are the next steps following the WHS to ensure implementation of commitments?