

CALLING STATES TO ACCOUNT:

The Role of National Human Rights Institutions

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Conference Room E**

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The requirements of Article 33.2 to establish independent mechanisms to promote, protect and monitor the rights set out in the CRPD is a powerful new tool for calling states to account for implementation of the Convention. Article 33.2 can also be a powerful catalyst to fostering dialogue at the domestic level between states, civil society, DPOs and people with disabilities.



In establishing independent mechanisms the CRPD requires states to take into account the same standards (the Paris Principles) used for the international accreditation of National Human Rights Institutions. A recent survey of NHRIs indicated that many have already been designated as independent mechanisms and others anticipate that this will happen. The side-event will review the findings of the survey and discuss how existing, and yet to be created National Human Rights Institutions, can help to ensure implementation of the CRPD.

Moderator: Professor Michael Stein, Harvard Law School Project on Disability

Greetings: Dr. Judy McGregor, representing the ICC Chair

Panelists:

- David Langtry, Acting Chief Commissioner, Canadian Human Rights Commission
- Harvey Goldberg, Senior Policy Advisor, Canadian Human Rights Commission
- Diane Mulligan, Great Britain Equality and Human Rights Commission
- Judy McGregor, Joint Acting Disability Rights Commissioner, New Zealand Human Rights Commission

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