



**DISABILITY LAW AND POLICY PROGRAM**  
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW



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### ***Preventing and Eliminating Violence against Girls and Women with Disabilities: Learning from Good Practices in Nine Countries***

*There are more than 500 million women and girls with disabilities worldwide. Gender-based violence more frequently affects women and girls with disabilities but they remain largely invisible on the global development agenda and in humanitarian policy responses.*

The **Ethiopian Center for Disability and Development, Syracuse University College of Law Disability Law and Policy Program, Women Enabled International and Handicap International** invite you to learn from ten good practices collected in nine countries on ending violence affecting women and girls with disabilities, which is exacerbated by poverty, humanitarian crises as well as the lack of reliable data.

#### **Panelists include:**

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

**When:** Tuesday, June 9th at 3- 4.30 p.m.

**Venue:** UN Conference Center, Room 12

**Join this conversation bringing together activists and experts on what it takes to end such violence via:**

- Awareness raising and Mobilization for mainstreaming disability in Gender Based Violence Practices and Case Management about Violence against women and girls with disabilities,
- Advocacy for Policy Change towards disability mainstreaming and Legal Rights of women and girls with disabilities in situations of poverty, humanitarian crisis and disasters,
- Capacity Development and Empowerment of Women and girls with disabilities (and care takers),
- Research and data gathering on violence against women and girls with disabilities



Staff of the Coalition on Violence against Women and the Kenyan Association of Intellectually Handicapped who work together. fighting violence in Kenya

**Sign language interpreting and Spanish/ English translations will be provided.**

**Materials will be available in alternate formats.**

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