Panel Discussion

Towards a disability-inclusive post-2015 development framework: Regional perspectives

Side-event to the 51st session of the Commission for Social Development
Tuesday, 12 February 2013, 1.15 – 2.45 p.m.
Conference Room 4, United Nations Headquarters, New York

Background

The United Nations General Assembly will hold a **HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON DISABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT** with the overarching theme "*The way forward: a disability inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond*" on 23 September 2013 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

This panel discussion aims to provide regional perspectives on mainstreaming disability in development as a contribution to the on-going preparatory process toward the High-level Meeting. Building on the on-going consultations on a post-2015 development framework, the discussions will highlight current efforts to mainstream disability in regional and national policies and frameworks on development. Participants are invited to provide new thinking and innovative ideas to ensure that the post-2015 development framework be inclusive of persons with disabilities and their perspectives.

Welcome: Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)

Opening: H.E. Mr. Fernando Arias, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations/co-facilitator of the High Level Meeting on Disability and Development

Moderator: Mr. Lawrence Carter-Long

Panelists:

- Ms. Vitalija Gaucaite Wittich, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- Ms. Nanda Nanda Krairiksh, United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and Pacific
- Ms. Gisela Nauk, United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia
- Ms. Diane Almeras, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin American
- Ms. Thokozile Ruzvidzo, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

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