10th Anniversary of the CRPD

A United Nations Celebration

## **A joint session organized by UNDESA and G3ict**

* **Date: Friday, 2 December 2016**
* **Time 3.00 to 6.00 p.m.**
* **Conference Room 4**

## Session Summary:

This session will review ten years of progress in implementing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) to achieve inclusive, accessible and sustainable society and development. Experts from the United Nations, civil society, academia and industry will share their perspectives on the progress of disability rights, policies and programs promoted by the CRPD and discuss solutions to foster their implementation by States Parties, as they relate to the accessibility of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs). The session will conclude with a discussion of priorities which CRPD States Parties and stakeholders may pursue for the next ten years.

The event will include, as a background for each panel discussion, the presentation of key progress indicators derived from the CRPD ICT Accessibility Progress Report developed jointly by G3ict, Disabled People’s International (DPI) and advocacy organizations from around the world. The report is based on an extensive questionnaire collecting 57 data points by country covering country commitments, their capacity to implement, and actual results for persons with disabilities. 107 countries have participated in this 2016 report.

# AGENDA

## **3:00 p.m. to 3:10 p.m. Welcome Remarks 15’**

* **Mr. Alberto Padova, Chief, Social Integration Branch,** Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)
* **Ambassador Luis Gallegos**, former Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on the CRPD; Chair, Board of Trustees, G3ict

**3:10 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. CRPD Impact on National Legislative Agendas: A Measure of Progress 45’**

Moderator: **Akiko Ito,** Chief, Secretariat for the CRPD/DSPD/UNDESA

* **Key Progress Indicators** of the 2016 CRPD ICT Accessibility Progress Report based upon the 2016 G3ict/DPI survey of 107 CRPD States Parties 10’
  + **Martin Gould**, Research Committee Chair, G3ict
  + **Francesca Cesa Bianchi**, Vice President, Institutional Relations, G3ict
    - Overall impact of the CRPD on disability rights legislation around the world – Review and Analysis
    - Monitoring commitments, capacity to implement and actual results
    - Key success factors observed among ratifying countries
* **Perspectives from Civil Society**, **UNDESA and OHCHR** 40’   
  Introductory remarks by **Akiko Ito**,Chief, Secretariat for the CRPD/DSPD/UNDESA
  + **Vladimir Cuk**, Executive Director, International Disability Alliance (IDA)
  + **Mohammed Ali Loufty**, Chairperson’s Office, Disabled People’s International (DPI)
  + **Michael Stein**, Ph.D., Harvard Law School, Co-founder and Executive Director of the Harvard Law School Project on Disability
  + **Akiko Yamanaka**, CEO, Brightsoleils Co.

**4:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Celebration**

The **G3ict 10th Anniversary Digital Accessibility Leadership Awards** recognize individuals with exceptional achievements in advancing digital accessibility and supporting G3ict’s advocacy activities since the organization’s inception ten years ago.

Moderator: **Ambassador Gallegos**, Chair, Board of Trustees, G3ict

## **4:15 p.m. to 5:40 p.m. Promoting the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the Digital Age: Overcoming Barriers 70’**

Moderator: **Axel Leblois**, President and Executive Director, G3ict

* **Perspectives on the implementation of policies and standards** 40’
  + **Karen Peltz Strauss**, Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

How policy making can help realize the digital rights of persons with disabilities

* + **Dr. Linamara Rizzo Battistella**,São Paulo State Secretary for the Rights of the Person with Disability, SEDPcD
  + **Christopher Lee**, Ph.D., Executive Director, AMAC - Georgia Tech and General Manager, Training and Certification Division, International Association of Accessibility Professionals (IAAP)
  + **Andrew Kirkpatrick,** Group Product Manager, Standards and Accessibility, Adobe
  + **Judy Brewer**, Director, Web Accessibility Initiative, W3C
* **Perspectives from innovators on how technology can expand opportunities** 30’
  + **Susan Mazrui**, Director, Public Policy, AT&T
  + **Ruoyi Zhou**, Director, Accessibility Research, IBM Research
  + **Gamze Sofuoglu**, Turkcell
  + **Shigeki Inoue**, HAKUHODO Diversity Design

**5:40 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Priorities for the Next Decade: 2017 – 2026**

* Moderator: Ambassador Luis Gallegos, former Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on the CRPD; Chair, Board of Trustees, G3ict
  + **Maria Soledad Cisternas Reyes**, Chairperson, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (OHCHR)
  + **Vladimir Cuk**, Executive Director, International Disability Alliance (IDA)
  + **Mohammed Ali Loufty**, Chairperson’s Office, Disabled People’s International (DPI)
  + **Axel Leblois,** President and Executive Director, G3ict
  + **Call for Action**

## **Adjournment**