

OBSERVANCE OF THE International Day of Persons with Disabilities

*“Together for a better world for all:
Including persons with disabilities in development”*

Friday, 2 December
Conference Room 2 (NLB), United Nations Headquarters, New York

PROGRAMME

10.00 to 10.40 a.m. : Opening ceremony

Musical performance by students from the New York Institute for Special Education
H.E. Dr. Mutlaq Al-Qahtani, Chef de Cabinet of the President of the General Assembly
H.E. Mr. Libran N. Cabactulan, Permanent Representative of the Philippines
H.E. Mr. Ombeni Y. Sefue, Permanent Representative of Tanzania
H.E. Mr. Mårten Grunditz, Permanent Representative of Sweden
Dr. Asha-Rose Migiro, Deputy Secretary-General
Ms. Maria Veronica Reina, Secretary-General, Global Partnership for Disability and Development

10.40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Interactive Panel Discussion: Towards inclusive development: improving data and statistics on disability

This interactive panel discussion will focus on strengthening disability data and statistics and analysis, as well as monitoring and evaluation of internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals.

Panelists:

Ms. Akiko Ito, SCRPD/DSPD/DESA
Ms. Julie Weeks, Washington Group on Disability Statistics
Mr. Cem Mete, Senior Economist, The World Bank
Ms. Claudia Cappa, Statistics and Monitoring Section, Division of Policy and Practice, UNICEF
Ms. Maria Veronica Reina, Secretary-General, Global Partnership for Disability and Development

12:00 noon to 1:15 p.m.: Interactive Panel Discussion: Mainstreaming disability in the global development agenda: experience in other development issues

This panel will focus on the preparation of global developments reports, including the conceptual frameworks, methodologies, approaches and data sources, as well as how disability could be included in existing development reports.

Panelists:

Ms. Akiko Ito, SCRPD/DSPD/DESA
Ms. Jennifer Madans, Washington Group on Disability Statistics
Ms. Rosangela Berman Bieler, UNICEF Senior Adviser on Children with Disabilities
Ms. Paola Pagliani, Policy Specialist, Human Development Report Office, UNDP
Dr. Jacob Kumaresan, Executive Director, WHO Office, UN Headquarters, New York

1:15 to 4.00 p.m. United Nations Enable Film Festival

1:30 p.m.: Lives Worth Living (United States)

An inspiring film that provides an oral history of the disability rights movement - one of the great social justice movements - in the history of the United States. The story is told by those who lived and led it. The screening of the film is sponsored by the Government of the United States and will be introduced by Ms. Judy Heumann, Special Advisor for International Disability Rights at the US State Department, and Mr. Eric Neudel and Alison Gilkey, Director and Producers of the film. (00:54:00)



14:28 p.m.: Anything you can do (Australia)

This short film highlights the real-life interaction and fierce competition between two young boys, one of whom is in a wheelchair. The film was created for a Youth Disability Advocacy Service project of the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria, Australia and challenges stereotypes and celebrates diversity. The screening of the film at the UNEFF is sponsored by the Government of Australia. (00:08:00)

14:40 p.m.: Difference is Normal (Brazil)

This film is a part of Brazil's MetaSocial Institute "It's Normal to be Different" campaign that was launched at the United Nations on 3 December 2009. This short montage works to address discrimination and promotes social inclusion, highlighting the potential of all people, regardless of their differences. This film is sponsored by the Government of Brazil and will be introduced by H.E. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the UN. (00:02:51)

14:46 p.m.: Young Voices: Identity (India); Participation (Uganda); Determination (Guyana)

Young Voices is an international campaign of Leonard Cheshire Disability. Through Young Voices, young people in 19 countries across Africa, Asia and the Americas, work for equality, access and full human rights for persons with disabilities. These short films tell the stories of persons with disabilities and their families working to raise awareness and promote action on disability issues. (00:04:07/00:03:45/00:04:28)

15:04 p.m.: Between Hearing and Not Hearing (Hong Kong, SAR China)

Ms. Mandy Tang, one of the 20 Young Advocates selected to promote disability awareness and social inclusion for 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games and the father of Li Cheng, a young deaf girl who committed suicide in 2008, share their stories and draw attention to the issues faced by persons with hearing impairment. This film was created by the Equal Opportunities Commission in Hong Kong along with "Brief Reflections" available on their website. (00:05:45)

15:14 p.m.: Accessibility/The Job (Sweden)

Handisam - Swedish Agency for Disability Policy Coordination created these two international award-winning short films to challenge audiences and help change perspectives and attitudes towards persons with disabilities. Handisam works to ensure that people in positions of responsibility at various levels in society realize the benefits of an accessible society where everyone can participate equally - regardless of their functional ability. The screening of the films at UNEFF is sponsored by the Government of Sweden. (00:01:52/00:01:36)

15:22 p.m.: Labels (Russian Federation) 00:25:55

The opening show of "Kleimo" was held in October this year at a packed "Khudojestvenny" Cinema Hall in Moscow, Russia. This documentary has been produced by Artvideo studio with the support of Perspektiva, a leading disability NGO in Russia, the Open Society Institute and the UN. The film is a call to action and draws attention to the stigma and discrimination faced by persons with disabilities, including persons with mental and psychological conditions. (00:25:54)