**Observance of the 2015 International Day of Persons with Disabilities**

***The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development***

**Theme: Inclusion matters: access and empowerment for people of all abilities**

UN Headquarters, Conference Room 4

Thursday, 3 December 2015

Organised by DESA, Co-sponsored by Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Ecuador, Japan, Italy, Kenya, Poland, Republic of Korea, Spain, United Kingdom, World Health Organisation, **Disabled Peoples International, Global Alliance on Accessible Technologies and Environments,** International Disability Alliance, International Disability and Development Consortium, Nippon Foundation, Open City Institute, Rehabilitation International

**Draft Programme**

**10.00 to 11.00 a.m. Opening**

***10.00 to 10.15 a.m.: Musical Performance***

Musicians with disabilities from Republic of Korea

 ***[Facilitator: Ms. Daniela Bas, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA]***

***10.15 to 11.00 a.m. – Opening session***

Call for Action

* Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations
* Ms. Catherine Pollard, USG of DGACM
* H.E. Ambassador Luis Gallegos, Chair, G3ict, Special Advisor, Nippon Foundation
* Ms. Miki Matheson, **Disabled Peoples’ International (DPI)**
* **Ms. Maleni Chaitoo, International Disability Alliance – International Disability and Development Consortium**
* Professor Motoo Kusakabe, Founder and President of the Open City Institute

Commitment to Action

* H.E. Amb. Oh Joon, Permanent Representative, PM of Republic of Korea
* H.E. Amb. Motohide Yoshikawa, Permanent Representative, PM of Japan
* H.E. Amb. Gillian Bird, Permanent Representative, PM of Australia
* H.E. Amb. Macharia Kamau, Permanent Representative, PM of Kenya
* H.E. Amb. Diego Morejon Pazmino, Deputy Permanent Representative, PM of Ecuador
* H.E. Amb. Sebastiano Cardi, Permanent Representative, PM of Italy
* H.E. Amb. Roman Oyarzun Marchesi, Permanent Representative, PM of Spain

**11:00 to 11:10 a.m.: Video messages from leaders of DPOs and UN agencies (Part one)**

**11.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. Panel Discussion: “Accessible New Urban Agenda and inclusion of persons with disabilities” (**co-sponsor: Global Alliance on Accessible Technologies and Environments)

The panel will review the current policy and practice concerning accessibility and inclusion of persons with disabilities in urban development. The discussion will also identify challenges that cities face in making urban development accessible and inclusive.

Moderator: Ms. Yamina Djacta, UN Habitat

Introduction: Mr. Eric Guozhong Zhang, DESA/DSPD

Panellists:

* Ms. Ana Moreno, Habitat III Secretariat
* Mr. Jun Ishikawa, Cabinet Office of the Government of Japan
* Mr. Quemuel Arroyo, Policy Analyst for Accessibility, Department of Transportation, NYC
* Mr. Victor Pineda, University of California at Berkeley (video message)
* Mr. Eugenie Birch, World Urban Campaign/University of Pennsylvania
* Ms. Venus Illagan, Rehabilitation International
* Ms. LoriAnn Girvan, GAATES

**12.15 to 1.15 p.m. Panel Discussion: “Invisible Disabilities” (**co-sponsors: Argentina, Nippon Foundation)

**The panel will bring attention to specific action points for implementing the SDGs for persons with mental, intellectual or psychosocial disabilities. Panellists will share good practices and lessons learned in ongoing effort to integrate mental well-being and disability in development policies and programmes at practice with a particular focus on experiences and expertise in improving accessibility to development processes for persons with mental, intellectual or psychosocial disabilities.**

Moderator: H.E. Ambassador Luis Gallegos, Special Advisor, Nippon Foundation

Opening Remarks:

* Ms. Akiko Ito, Chief, SCRPD/DSPD/DESA, United Nations
* H.E. Amb. Mateo Estreme, Chargé d'affaires a.i., PM of Argentina

Presenters:

* Mr. Takashi Izutsu, Associate Professor, The University of Tokyo
* Mr. Atsuro Tsutsumi, Coordinator, United Nations University
* Mr. Mark van Ommeren, Scientist, WHO (video message)
* Mr. Patricio V. Marquez, Lead Health Specialist, World Bank Group
* Ms. Kathyrn Goetzke, Founder, iFred
* Vivian Pender, Special Advisor, American Psychiatric Association/Chair, NGO Committee on Mental Health

**1.15 to 2.30 p.m. Panel Discussion: “Operationalizing the 2030 agenda for sustainable development: Disability data, statistics and indicators, monitoring and evaluation for inclusive development”, (co-sponsors: Australia,** United Kingdom, ADD International)

**The panel will review current practices of data collection and analysis and discuss how the monitoring of the implementation of 2030 Agenda can be disability-inclusive. The panel will identify good practices of disability data collection and review most recent efforts in development of disability indicators to better inform a disability-inclusive monitoring of the 2030 Agenda.**

Moderator: Ms. Maria Martinho, SCRPD/DSPD/DESA

Opening Remarks: Ms. Akiko Ito, SCRPD/DSPD/DESA

Presenters:

* H.E. Amb.Caitlin Wilson, Deputy Permanent Representative, PM Australia
* Ms. Linda Hooper, UN Statistics Division/DESA
* Ms. Margaret Mbogoni, UN Statistics Division /DESA
* Ms. Claudia Cappa, UNICEF
* Ms. Alarcos Cieza, WHO (video message)
* Ms. Julie Weeks, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), USA
* Mr. Derrick Cogburn, Institute on Disability and Public Policy for the ASEAN Region
* Mr. Mosharraf Hossain, Action on Disability and Development International
* Ms. Dorodi Sharma, **Disabled Peoples’ International**

**3.00 to 6.00 p.m. United Nations Enable Film Festival**

The UNEFF presents a selection of short films from around the world to promote awareness on disability issues and to advance the full and effective participation of persons with disabilities in society and development.

* Video messages: Leaders of DPOs and UN agencies (Part Two)
* Welcome: Ms. Daniela Bas, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA
* **Introduction: Mr. Victor Calise, Commissioner,** Mayor's Officefor People with Disabilities, New York

**UN Enable Photo Exhibition “Images of Ability”**

Over 150 photos from around the world were submitted, of which 10 were selected for the exhibition to promote awareness on the situation of persons with disabilities in society and development.

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