



International Day of Persons with Disabilities

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Theme: Achieving 17 Goals for the Future We Want

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Programme

United Nations Headquarters, New York

10:00 to 13:00 **Opening session and High-Level Panel meeting to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** *Conference Room 4*

The Opening of the International Day will include statements by the President of the General Assembly, the UN Secretary-General, and Mr. Stevie Wonder. During the high-level panel meeting, panellists from Member States, the UN system and civil society organizations will make presentations. Statements will also be made by representatives from Member States and civil society organizations. *Closed-captioning and international sign language available.*

13:15 to 14:30 **Global Award for Good Practices in the Employment of Persons with Disabilities** *Conference Room 6*

Organized by the Government of the State of São Paulo and sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Brazil, this event will recognize good practices in the employment of persons with disabilities. *English, Portuguese, Spanish interpretation and closed-captioning available.*

13:15 to 14:30 **CRPD Mobile App Launch** *Conference Room 8*

Organized by Institute on Disability and Public Policy at American University, this event will celebrate the soft launch of a beta version of an iOS 10 mobile application on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the CRPD. This will be the first mobile app of its kind, with the aim to raise awareness of this critical disability policy framework, its contents, and its significance for human rights and disability rights. *Closed-captioning available.*

15:00 to 16:30 **Disability Inclusive Development in Africa: Building Capacity for Inclusive Development** *Conference Room 12*

Organized by UN Technical Cooperation Unit (DSPD/DESA), this event will present the main challenges that persons with disabilities face in the Africa region, such as exclusion, discrimination and challenges to the enjoyment of their fundamental rights and inclusion in development. UN DESA has developed a Toolkit on Disability for Africa to build the capacity of Government officials and DPOs in the region, with a view to implement solutions in line with the CRPD. *Closed-captioning available.*

15:00 to 18:00 **10th Anniversary of the CRPD: A United Nations Celebration** *Conference Room 4*

Organized by G3ict and UN DESA, this event 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 UN, civil society organizations, academia and the private sector will share their perspectives on the progress of disability rights, policies and programmes promoted by the CRPD and discuss solutions to foster their implementation by States Parties, in particular as they relate to the accessibility of Information and Communication Technologies. *Closed-captioning available.*

15:00 to 18:00 **UN Enable Film Festival** *Conference Room 6*

The United Nations Enable Film Festival (UNEFF) includes short disability-related films selected on the basis of their content and message that can help raise awareness of disability issues and further promote the full and effective participation of persons with disabilities in society.

17:00 to 18:00 **Accessible Cities United Panel Discussion** *Conference Room 8*

Organized by DSPD/DESA, representatives and experts from cities from around the world will share their advances and plans for inclusive, accessible and sustainable cities for all, with special attention to persons with disabilities. The event will build on the growing momentum towards universal inclusion and accessibility, emanating from implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the recent adoption of the New Urban Agenda at the Habitat III Conference in Quito. *Closed-captioning and international sign language available.*

18:30 to 20:00 **Accessible Cities for All Evening Celebration** *ECOSOC Chamber*

Organized by DSPD/DESA and New York City Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) in partnership with Permanent Missions, this event will bring together city leaders, celebrities, practitioners and decision makers to celebrate their successes in reducing inequalities and promoting inclusive development through improving accessibility in cities. This event will honour and raise awareness of the importance of inclusive, accessible and sustainable cities, calling to action for leaders at all levels, and in all sectors of society, to make universal accessibility a priority and a reality. *Closed-captioning and international sign language available.*

9:30 to 10:00 **Heidi Lastsky Dance Installation** *UN Visitors' Lobby*

Heidi Lastsky Dance will stage a movement installation of 20-30 performers who together form a living gallery. The installation features different and unexpected bodies in white clothing (signifying all the colours of the rainbow and a metaphor for inclusion) moving as reverent sculptures in the space. The installation is sponsored by New York City's Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD). Similar installations will take place simultaneously around the world that will be showcased at UN Headquarters.

All Day **One billion voices: "I am... 1 of 1 billion voices"** *Accessibility Centre*

A group of students have created a digital exhibit entitled "I am... 1 of 1 billion voices" of persons with disabilities. The exhibit will promote and celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the CRPD by enabling the voices of persons with disabilities from around the world to be "heard" through virtual means. All day at the UN Accessibility Centre.

All Day **UN Enable Photograph Exhibition** *Conference Room 4*

The UN Enable Photograph Exhibition (UNEPE) aims to raise awareness about disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. In light of the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention, this year the UNEPE will highlight the positive ways in which the Convention has impacted the lives of people around the world.

