



Forum on Ways forward Towards a Disability Inclusive and Accessible New Urban Agenda

14 June 2016, 1:15-3.00pm

Conference room 7, UNHQs New York

With 60 per cent of the world's population predicted to be living in cities by 2030, urbanization is one of the most significant global trends of the 21st century. For persons with disabilities across the world, ill planned and developed towns and cities that lacks of accessibility often present a combination of physical, environmental, technical and social barriers to infrastructures, facilities and public services.

As member states are negotiating the zero draft of the New Urban Agenda to be considered for adoption at the Habitat III in October 2016, the international community is now faced with another great opportunity and challenge to ensure the New Urban Agenda to be accessible to and inclusive of all urban habitants, including persons with disabilities.

Making cities and towns accessible and inclusive for all, including persons with disabilities, is essential for sustainable urban development and also a human right imperative.

Opening

Welcome remarks

Moderator: DESA/DSPD/SCRPD

Roundtable dialogue

- Mrs. Helena Yáñez, Ecuador
- Mr. Jamal Jama Al Musharakh , UAE
- H.E.Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov, Kazakhstan
- Mr. Luis Gallegos, The Nippon Foundation
- Dr. Victor Pineda , Disability Inclusive and Accessible Urban Development Network
- Mr. Mohkatar Al Shibani, GAATES
- Mr Martin Essl, Essl Foundation
- Mr. Jan Monsbakke, Rehabilitation International
- Ms. Xu Ling, China Disabled Persons' Federation

Q&A and interactive discussions

Discussants and participants



Special notes:

This event will be conducted in English and open to all interested stakeholders working in the field of disability and urban development.

Presentations and outcome of the event will be posted in the UN EANBLE website:

www.un.org/disabilities

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