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United Nations**

**“Including the most likely to be left behind:
Women and Girls with disabilities in rural and remote settings”**

*A side event for the 11th session of the Conference of States Parties to the
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD),*

08:15-09:30, June 13, 2018; UN Conference Room 12

Gates open at 07:30 AM; CART and International Sign Language interpretation provided

The event will:

- Highlight the situation of women and girls with disabilities in rural and remote locations in the Global South;
- Share programs, strategies, lessons learned and best practices to reach and include women and girls with disabilities living in rural and remote areas;
- Discuss strategies for reaching and meaningfully including women and girls with disabilities in policies and programs;
- Share examples of innovative ways to promote inclusion and access for women and girls with disabilities.

Outcome:

Persons with disabilities, NGO and government representatives will explore concrete recommendations to ensure the inclusion and participation of the most marginalized populations, women and girls with disabilities, including new and innovative ways to promote inclusion by non-traditional actors in the field of disability.

PROGRAMME

**Messages from Representatives of the Permanent Missions of the Federal Republic of
Germany and the Republic of Malta to the United Nations, and from Rehabilitation
International**

Panelists:

- (1) Cornelia Henriksson, Deputy Head of Division, German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development
- (2) Professor Andrew Azzopardi, Dean, Faculty for Social Wellbeing, University of Malta
- (3) Haidi Zhang, President, Rehabilitation International
- (4) Professor Michael Stein, Executive Director, Harvard Law School Project on Disability
- (5) Thi Lan Anh Nguyen, Founder and Director, Action to the Community Development Center, Vietnam
- (6) Jean Judes, Executive Director, Beit Issie Shapiro, Israel
- (7) Jane Cunningham, Director, International Associations, Best Cities
- (8) Akiko Ito, Chief of the Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and UN Focal Point on Disability, UN-DESA

Moderator: Venus Ilagan, Secretary General, Rehabilitation International