



## COMMISSION ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

### Side-event on persons with disabilities:

#### *"Realising equal rights and inclusive development"*

The event is intended to explore the progress made in realising equal rights and inclusive development of persons with disabilities, as well as the continuing challenges in making these goals and obligations a reality for everyone. With the SDGs, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and other instruments in mind, the event will draw on the experience of China, the EU and others in the international community in taking forward these issues, and will in particular consider legislative and policy initiatives; best practices and innovation that can support access, inclusive development and respect for human rights; and international cooperation to advance this agenda, including in the UN context.

Day:	Wednesday, 31 January 2018
Time:	1.15 pm to 2.45 pm
Venue:	UN Conference Room 5, United Nations New York
Registration:	RSVP <a href="#">HERE</a> by <b>Friday, 26 January 2018 at noon</b>

#### **Opening remarks:**

Ambassador Joanne Adamson, Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the European Union Delegation to the United Nations

Ambassador of the Permanent Representation of China to the United Nations

Ambassador Georgi Panayotov, Permanent Representative of the Mission of the Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations

#### **Keynote Addresses:**

Ms. Zhang Haidi, Chairwoman of China Disabled Persons' Federation (CDPF), President of Rehabilitation International

Mr. Michel Servoz, Director General, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

#### **Panel discussion followed by Q/A session:**

**Moderator:** Ms. Daniela Bas, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, UN

**Participants:** Mr. Han Jibin, Director of Department of Rehabilitation, Department of China Disabled Persons' Federation; Ms. Catalina Devandas Aguilar, Special Rapporteur on Rights of Persons with Disabilities; Ms. Inmaculada Placencia Porrero, Senior Policy Advisor, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission; Ms. Sylvia Quan, Senior Human Rights Advisor, International Disability Alliance

*Sandwiches will be served from 12:20 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.  
by the stairs behind the right side of Vienna Café.*