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## **Intersectional Barriers and Challenges of Persons with Disabilities**

**Hosted by the Governments of Canada, Ecuador, and Sweden**

**At the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of States Parties to the United Nations  
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

**June 12, 11:30 am – 12:45 pm**

**United Nations Headquarters, Conference Room 12, New York**

A panel of experts will examine intersectional approaches to disability in policy, programs, and data analysis. This event will address cross-disability issues relating to gender, race, indigeneity, and youth, and consider how they are impacted by policy, legislation, and environmental reforms. Increasingly, intersectionality is being applied in research, policy and practice; at the same time, there are a number of challenges for the practical application of intersectionality, especially in the areas of policy, programs and services relating to persons with disabilities. Does the application of intersectional policies and tools help governments to improve the inclusion of persons with disabilities in program, policy, and service delivery development?

This panel will be hosted by **The Honourable Carla Qualtrough**, Canada's Minister of Public Services and Procurement and Accessibility. American Sign Language and captioning will be provided.

### **Speakers:**

- **The Honourable Carla Qualtrough**, Canada's Minister of Public Services and Procurement and Accessibility
- **Her Excellency Isabel Maldonado Vasco**, Technical Secretary of "Toda Una Vida" Plan, Ecuador
- **Magnus Lagercrantz**, Head of Section, Swedish Agency for Participation
- **Charlotte McClain-Nhlapo**, Global Disability Advisor, World Bank Group
- **Bonnie Brayton**, National Executive Director, DisAbled Women's Network of Canada
- **Hannah MacLellan**, Canadian disability activist and youth delegate

**RSVP by 12pm on Monday, June 10: <https://forms.gle/yEST2pVD6usyzPbB6>**