# Making It Work Gender and Disability Forum

# 5 - 9 March 2018, Nairobi, Kenya

# Invitation to the Roundtable, 9th of March 2018

## Introduction: the Making It Work Gender and Disability project, from Good Practices to Inclusive Policies

The Making It Work Gender and Disability project has been running since 2014, managed at Humanity and Inclusion (new name of Handicap International) under the guidance of the Technical Advisory Committee made of international experts from the gender movement and the disability movement. The International Disability Alliance (IDA), Disability Rights Fund (DRF), the African Disability Forum (ADF), the Women with Disabilities Arts and Cultural Network and International Women Action Watch Asia Pacific (IWRAW) are represented in the TAC.

The project aims at addressing all forms of violence against women and girls with disabilities by increasing the visibility of women and girls with disabilities within international development, human rights, gender and humanitarian action both at the national and international level. It is based on the Making It Work methodology, documenting good practices and using them to bring about change through advocacy and positive actions at national, regional and international level.

On its current phase, the project has been selecting and documenting good practices implemented by Disabled People’s Organizations and Women’s Organizations from 6 countries in Africa: Cameroon, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda and Uganda. The good practice holders’ skills will be reinforced through technical support and their practices will further feed the evidence-based advocacy initiatives of Making It Work at regional and global level.

## The 2nd Gender and Disability Forum

The 2nd Gender and Disability Forum will be held in Nairobi, 5th to 9th March 2018, at the Heron Portico Hotel, Milimani Road.

The Forum will be made of 2 components: **the Workshop for Good Practice Holders** (5th to 9th of March), and **the Regional Roundtable “Better addressing the intersectionality of gender and disability in Africa: regional opportunities”** to be held on 9th of March morning.

The workshop will bring together our 9 Good Practice Holders, and international experts, while regional and international stakeholders will participate in the RoundTable - co-chaired by Ms Fatma Wangare (African Disability Forum) and Ms Yetnebersh Nigussie (Light for the World), both members of MIW Technical Advisory Committee.

## Invitation to the Regional Roundtable

The Roundtable named “Better Addressing the Intersectionality of Gender and Disability in Africa: regional opportunities” will be held on Friday 9th, March, from 9 am to 12 noon. It will be followed by a lunch. It will gather major DPOs, NGOs and UN partners involved in women’s rights, disability rights and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights.

Invited organizations include: IPPF, UN Women, African Child Policy Forum, the Center for Reproductive Rights, the Gender Department of the East African Community, Open Society Foundation, the African Disability Forum, Femnet.

Its purpose is to share and strengthen alliances and concrete cooperation between the gender movement and the disability movement in Africa. We expect participants to acknowledge the need to include women and girls with disabilities in their programming, and to explore concrete ways to address the intersectionality of gender and disability in key initiatives and networks at regional or sub-regional level.

***We are at your disposal to discuss further participation and would appreciate to hear back from you by Monday, 5th of February.***

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