**CIVIL SOCIETY CRPD FORUM**

**Day of General discussion on** **the right of persons with disabilities to be closely consulted and actively involved in decision-making and monitoring processes, through their representative organizations (Art. 4 (3) and 33 (3))**

**Room (4)**

***United Nations Headquarters*, New York**

**11 June 2018**

PROGRAMME OF WORK

**10h00–10h30**  **Opening remarks**

* H.E. Georgi Panayotov, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Bulgaria to the UN
* Prof. Dr. Theresia Degener (Chairperson of the CRPD Committee)
* Catalina Devandas Aguilar (Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities)
* Colin Allen (IDA Chair)

**10h40–11h40 Panel 1 on equality and inclusion of all groups of persons with disabilities**

**Purpose: The purpose of this panel is to identify different forms of disability–based discrimination, including systemic and structural discrimination, with regard to the right to be closely consulted and actively involved in decision-making and monitoring processes, especially for marginalized groups of persons with disabilities; concrete measures (accessibility and support) to make participation of persons with disabilities meaningful and implementable by ensuring that no one is left behind. Good practices and follow-up strategies in implementing articles 4.3 and 33. 3 of the Convention, including all groups of persons with disabilities, especially those most marginalized.**

Moderator: Jean-Luc Simon (Disabled People's International Europe)

* Eeva Tupi (World Federation of the Deaf)
* Jane Akinyi (Inclusion International)
* Ohyong Kweon (Korean Alliance for Mobilizing Inclusion)
* Monthian Buntan (Member of the CRPD Committee)
* Malin Ekman Aldén, Director General of the National Authority for Participation, Sweden

**11h50–12h50 Panel 2 on Article 4 (3) of the Convention**

**Purpose: The purpose of this panel is to discuss the nature of the right of all persons with disabilities to be closely consulted and actively involved in decision-making processes. Major questions to be raised are: What is necessary to achieve justiciability and enforcement? What are the necessary support systems within State parties, including facilitation of participation processes, accessibility, accommodation, funding, capacity-building, etc.?**

Moderator: Mohammed Loutfy (Disabled People's International)

* Yannis Vardakastanis (European Disability Forum, European Economic and Social Committee)
* Tina Minkowitz (Center for the Human Rights of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry)
* Shatha Abusrour (The General Palestinian Union of Persons with Disability, GUPWD).
* Emmanuelle Grange (European Commission - Head of Unit of Disability and Inclusion)
* Charlotte McClain-Nhlapo, World Bank

**12h50–13h00 Wrap-up of the morning session**

* Prof. Dr. Theresia Degener (Chairperson of the CRPD Committee)

**13h00–15h00 Lunch Break (with the option to attend side events organized by civil society)**

**15h00–16h00 Panel 3** **on Article 33 (3) of the Convention**

**Purpose: The purpose of this panel is to identify measures, including accessibility requirements, necessary to guarantee and allow the effective participation of civil society participants, including persons with all kind of impairments, in the process of implementation and monitoring of the Convention. Major questions to be raised are: To what extent should persons with disabilities be represented in and/or be able to cooperate with the national focal points, coordination mechanism and independent monitoring framework? What should be the role of National Human Rights Institutions?**

Moderator: Dominic Haslam (IDDC)

* Ekaete Judith Umoh (Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities)
* Brent Morgan (The Leprosy Mission International)
* Lauro Purcil (Asean Disability Forum)
* Carlos Ríos Espinosa (Human Rights Watch)
* Paula Tesoriero (Disability Commissioner - New Zealand NHRI/GANHRI)

**16h10–17h30 Interactive Debate on all panels**

Moderator: László Lovászy (Member of the CRPD Committee)

**17h30–18h00 Concluding comments and closing remarks**

Monthian Buntan, Member, CRPD Committee

Yeni Rosanna Damayanti, Transforming Communities for Inclusion, Asia (TCI-Asia)