**Thursday 15 June 2017**

**3:00pm to 4:30pm, Conference Room E**

**UN Headquarters, New York, NY**

***New Zealand Human Rights Commission side event on***

“Our convention, our future, don’t be afraid: people with Down Syndrome and their families open up a conversation on living in today’s and tomorrow's world"

In this side event, we invite a respectful and inclusive conversation about the celebrations, challenges, and future for people with Down Syndrome. This will be accompanied by expert legal analysis against the CRPD, particularly Article 5, of controversial issues such as screening.

**Chair**

**Paul Gibson**, Disability Rights Commissioner, New Zealand Human Rights Commission.

**Speakers**

**Vanessa dos Santos**, Chair, Down Syndrome International and Co-Vice Chair, International Disability Alliance

**Janet Lord,** Senior Fellow, Harvard Law School Project on Disability and Board Member, US International Council on Disability

People with Down Syndrome and their families (via video)

**Co-sponsors**

**Down Syndrome International (DSi)**

<https://ds-int.org/>

**International Disability Alliance (IDA)**

<http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/>

**United States International Council on Disabilities**

<http://www.usicd.org/template/index.cfm>

**Harvard Law Project on Disability**

<http://www.hpod.org/>