Concept note for side event at the High Level Political Forum

on behalf of

**the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities**

in partnership with

the African Disability Forum, Disabled People’s Organizations Denmark and

the European Disability Forum

Co-Sponsors: Member States (TBC)

## Sharing national experiences of persons with disabilities regarding multiple and cross-cutting discrimination as core issues contributing to poverty

Thursday 13th July 2017, 1.15pm to 2.45pm, Conference room 5., UN Headquarters

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) highlights the fact that the majority of persons with disabilities lives in conditions of poverty, and recognizes the critical need to address the negative impact of poverty on persons with disabilities. A response to this global challenge is outlined in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which puts at its core a commitment to end poverty everywhere and to leave no one behind. **The human rights and fundamental freedoms of all persons with disabilities, and our full and effective participation and inclusion in society, are hindered by the impact of multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination.** Discrimination against persons with disabilities results in lower employment rates, lower rates of participation in public and political life and decreased access to services such as education, health, rehabilitation, sexual and reproductive health and justice. Persons with disabilities who are subjected to multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination thus experience great marginalization. Failure to address discrimination against us will undermine the aspiration of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the principle of “no one will be left behind”. Full implementation of the commitments made by world leaders at the adoption of the 2030 Agenda requires a progressive increase in dedicated domestic resource allocation and international development cooperation to support the full inclusion of persons with disabilities. A rights-based response to economic growth could be lifting persons with disabilities and their families out of poverty, and would contribute to the achievement of inclusive growth and sustainable development.

The panellists, from different regions of the world, will share their experiences regarding multiple and cross-cutting discrimination. They will make recommendation on how to use the SDGs and CRPD as a roadmap to eradicate poverty and discrimination.

* **Mr. Thorkild Olesen**, DPOD (European perspective)
* **Mrs. Judith Umoh**, Nigeria (African perspective)
* **Mr. Jose Maria Viera**, Argentine WBU (Latin-America perspective)
* **Mrs. Eeva Tupi**, WFD (Global perspective)
* **Mr. Ibrahim Abdallah**, AODP (Arab region perspective)

We are also inviting Member States as respondents.

During the side event International sign interpretation as well as captioning will be provided.