**Civil Society CRPD Forum**

**New York, September 11th 2012**

**Conference Room 4, United Nations**

**Draft programme**

**10:00-10:30:** Opening session chaired by Colin Allen, President of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD).

Speakers:

* H.E. Marten Grunditz, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the UN
* Akiko Ito, UN DESA
* Craig Mokhiber, Chief, Development and Economic and Social Issues Branch, OHCHR
* Yannis Vardakastanis, IDA Chair

**10:30-12:00: First session:** **CRPD related advocacy work at national level leading to change in legislation and policies.**Co-chaired by Regina Atalla, President of RIADIS and Patrick Clarke, Chair of Down Syndrome International (DSI)

Speakers:

* Silje Vold, Child Rights Advisor of Plan Norway
* Sharon Primor, Legal Counsel, Bizchut - The Israel Human Rights Center for People with Disabilities
* Nagase Osamu, Executive director of the Institute on Disability & Communication
* Joseph Murray, Board Member of the World Federation of the Deaf
* Mosharraf Hossain, Country Director of ADD International, Bangladesh
* Richard Rieser, UKDPC/World of Inclusion
* Eric Mathews, Advocacy Associate, Disability Rights International

**12:00-13:00: Second session:** **Examples of work with other stakeholders to promote the implementation of the CRPD.**   
Co-chaired by Geir Jensen, Secretary General of the World Federation of the DeafBlind (WFDB) and Nawaf Kabbara, President of Arab Organisation of Persons with Disabilities (AOPD)

Speakers:

* Robinah Alambuya, Chairwoman PANUSP
* Javed Abidi, Chair of DPI and Alex Leblois, Executive Director of g3icT
* Joshua Goldstein, Center for Financial Inclusion at ACCION
* Martin Mwesigwa Babu, Programme Manager, HIV&AIDS Department, National Union of Disabled Persons in Uganda (NUDIPU)
* Medi Ssengooba, Human Rights Watch

**15:00-16:15: Third session:** **Increasing the funding for the implementation of the CRPD: good examples of international co-operation, disability rights budgeting and getting disability into the post-2015 agenda.**Co-chaired by Latoa Halatou, Co-Chair of Pacific Disability Forum (PDF) and Klaus Lachwitz, Chair of Inclusion International

Speakers:

* Liza Martinez, CSO Forum Philippines
* Marion Steff, Policy Adviser of Sightsavers
* Tim Wainwright, Executive Director of ADD International
* Mohammed Ali Loutfy, Lebanese Physical Handicapped Union (LPHU) and BIC
* Diane Mulligan, Coordinator for International Advocacy and Alliances, CBM

**16:15-17:30: Fourth session:** **Examples of co-operation between UN agencies and DPOs/NGOs at national or global level to promote the implementation of the CRPD.**   
Co-chaired by Pekka Tuominen, Treasurer of the European Disability Forum (EDF) and Moosa Salie, Chair of World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry (WNUSP).

Speakers:

* Dr. Paula Frederica Hunt, Inclusive Education Consultant, UNICEF Regional Office for CEE/CIS
* Lord Colin Low, ICEVI President
* Elinor Milne, Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children
* Emma Pearce, Disability Program Officer, Women’s Refugee Commission
* Myra Kovary, World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry (WNUSP)

**17:30-18:00:** Closing session chaired by Maryanne Diamond, President of the World Blind Union and member of the IDA Governing Body.

Speakers:

* Javed Abidi, IDA Vice-Chair and Chair of Disabled People’s International (DPI), presenting the conclusions of the day.
* Shuaib Chalklen, UN Special Rapporteur on Disability
* Permanent Representative of Spain to the UN (tbc)
* Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the UN (tbc)

**NOTES:**

**\***Each speaker is allocated 7 minutes for her/his presentation which will be made from the podium. At the end of each session, other participants will be able to ask questions or make short comments related to the topics raised during the relevant session.

**\***Please note that during the lunch break (13:15-14:45) an orientation session will be organized which will include the following topics:

* Information on the upcoming Conference of States Parties to the CRPD
* Disability related work of some UN agencies (OHCHR)
* Information on the beyond-2015 and post-Rio developments
* Information on the upcoming UN General Assembly resolution on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) of the UN development system

\*Please also note that Disabled People's International (DPI) is organising a Side Event during the lunch break at the Civil Society Forum.   
  
Title: Voices from the Global South  
Date: 11th September, 2012  
Time: 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.  
Venue: Conference Room D  
   
It is estimated that 80 percent of the world's population with disabilities lives in the Global South. Yet, there seems to be a dearth of leaders from the Global South at Forums that shape disability policies and dynamics worldwide. The Side Event will discourse on whether we need to consciously make an effort to ensure that we reach those people with disabilities who need our interventions the most and formulate strategies to get more and more voices from the South heard.