**National Business and Disability Networks:**

**Ways forward for International Collaboration**

24 October 2017, 9.00am to 4.30pm

ILO headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland

**Background**

There are National Business and Disability Networks (NBDNs) in over twenty countries. Many of these are developing or newly established. The ILO hosts this meeting to bring the networks and other international organizations together for the first time. Through both online and physical participation, NBDNs from all over the world will share their status, challenges and future plans.

Together with members of the ILO Global Business and Disability Network (GBDN) and other key stakeholders, the meeting will identify key issues to be addressed and points for collaboration. The meeting is particularly focused on supporting newly-established networks in developing countries.

Technical sessions throughout the day will cover:

* Understanding the current situation of National and Business and Disability Networks around the world.
* Technical support to national networks: what exists and what is needed in the future.
* Allies and Advocacy: working with other stakeholders and influencing the enabling environment
* Way forward for collaboration between national networks.

Participants:

* National Business and Disability Networks
* NGOs
* Organizations interested in forming or supporting NBDNs

*This meeting will take place the day after the* [*4th Annual Meeting*](http://www.businessanddisability.org/index.php/en/news-and-events/news/513-4th-annual-meeting-of-the-ilo-global-business-and-disability-network) *of the ILO Global Business and Disability Network.*

**Proposed Agenda**

*Times are local to Geneva, which is GMT+2.*

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| **Time** | **Agenda** |
| 8.30 – 9.00 | Registration and online connection |
| 9.00 – 9.30 | Opening and introductions |
| 9.30 – 10.45 | Understanding NBDNs: in theory and practice   * Overview on National Networks worldwide   + Stefan Tromel, ILO   Introductory Presentations from Networks   * Indonesia Business and Disability Network (skype) * [The Employer’s Federation of Ceylon](http://www.employers.lk/) * [Bangladesh Business and Disability Network](http://www.bbdn.com.bd/) * [Qaderoon Business Disability Network](http://www.qaderoon.sa/en), Saudi Arabia * [Ibero-American Network of Inclusive Companies of OISS](http://www.oiss.org/Presentacion-de-la-Red.html), Ana Mohedano |
| 10.45 – 11.15 | Coffee break |
| 11.15 – 12.30 | Technical support to national networks: what exists already and what’s needed?   * Presentation of available technical resources   + Jurgen Menze and Peter Fremlin, ILO   Introductory Presentations from Networks   * [Australian Network on Disability](https://www.and.org.au/) * [Ethiopian Business and Disability Network](http://www.ebdn-ethiopia.org/) * [South African Employers for Disability](http://www.sae4d.co.za/) (skype) * [Come CloSeR to Disability Task Force, Poland](http://www.comeclosershow.eu/en/task-force-come-closer-to-disability-2/), Karolina Długosz (skype) * Egypt Business and Disability Network, Mohamed El Kordy (skype) |
| 12.30 – 13.30 | Lunch |
| 13.30 – 14.45 | Allies and Advocacy: working with other stakeholders and influencing the enabling environment  Introductory Presentations from Networks   * [Foro Inserta Fundación Once](http://www.foroinserta.es/), Spain * [Business Disability Forum](http://www.businessdisabilityforum.org.uk/), UK * [Canadian Business SenseAbility](http://senseability.ca/) (skype) * [Movimiento Congruencia, Mexico](http://www.congruencia.org.mx/), Claudia Guardiola * [National Business and Disability Council](https://www.viscardicenter.org/nbdc/), USA, Scott Wright (skype) |
| 14.45 – 15.00 | Coffee break |
| 15.00 – 16.15 | Way forward for collaboration between national networks   * Presentation on plans for 2018   + Michael Horner, DFID |
| 16.15 – 16.30 | Closing and final remarks |

**Participants**

*In-person*

* Australian Network on Disability, Suzanne Colbert
* ADD, Mosharraf Hossein
* Bangladesh Business and Disability Network, Murteza Khan
* Business Disability Forum (UK), Diane Lightfoot
* Business Disability Forum (UK), Brendan Roach
* Business Disability International, Susan Scott Parker
* DFID, Michael Horner
* DPOD, Ina Lykke Jensen
* Ethiopia Business and Disability Network, Hilina Legesse
* Finnish MFA, Eppu Mikkonen
* Finnish MFA, Katariina Sario
* Global Business and Disability Network, Bruce Roch (chair)
* ILO, Felipe Ramos Barajas
* ILO, Jurgen Menze
* ILO, Peter Fremlin
* ILO, Stefan Tromel
* Ingeus, Anton Eckersley
* Ingeus, Daniel Sieber
* International Disability Alliance, Ruth Warick
* International Disability Alliance, Federica Settimi
* Leonard Cheshire Disability, Tiziana Oliva
* Light for the World, Dicky Nieuwenhuis
* Movimiento Congruencia, Mexico, Claudia Guardiola
* OISS, Ana Mohedano
* Ruh Global Communications, Debra Ruh
* The Employers’ Federation of Ceylon, Manique Gunaratne
* Qaderoon Business Disability Network, Saudi Arabia, Aya Jibreal

*Virtual participation*

* Atlas Alliance, Morten Eriksen (TBC)
* Canadian Business SenseAbility, Joan Turner
* Canadian Business SenseAbility, Flo Chapman
* Canadian Business SenseAbility, Marlene Etherington
* CBM Kenya, Amos M. Mutiga
* Cornell University, Susanne Bruyere
* DRPI, Marcia Rioux or Paula Hearn
* Egypt Business and Disability Network, Mohamed El Kordy
* Foro Inserta Fundación Once, Spain, Edurne Alvarez de Mon Gonzalez
* Handicap International USA, Angela Kohama
* Handicap International, representatives from country offices
* Indonesia Business and Disability Network (network meeting 2pm Jakarta)
* National Business and Disability Council (NBDC), USA, Scott Wright
* Come CloSeR to Disability Task Force, Poland, Karolina Długosz
* South African Employers for Disability, Ntungu Masindi