**Seminar**

**Title: International Day for Persons with Disabilities: A Day 4 All**

**Venue:** Library Events Room (B-135), Palais des Nations, B Building, 1st Floor

**Date:** Monday 4 December 2017

**Duration:** 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m

**Summary**

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) make explicit references to improve living conditions of persons with disabilities. Out of 17 SDGs, 13 are particularly related to this issue. The International Day for Persons with Disabilities is an occasion to promote an understanding of the key issues and mobilize support for dignity, rights and well-being for all. **The challenge is: how can we transform our societies to be inclusive and accessible for all?** Find out at the panel discussion, where diplomats and experts who have joined forces will discuss the way forward under three key themes: Inclusive UN, Accessibility, and Engaging Broader Society. **A Day for All** is a consortium formed by United Nations agencies and civil society organizations, to jointly celebrate International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

**The International Disability Alliance will be providing international sign interpretation.**

 **Engaging Broader Society**

**Moderators**  **Maria Nazareth Farani Azevêdo**

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

 **Terhi  Hakala**

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

**Discussants**

**Idriss Maiga**

Board Member, African Disability Forum, International Disability Alliance

**Brightfield Shadi**

Special Olympian, Botswana

**Daniel Weil**

Director, Tikkun Olam Makers, Israe

 **Accessibility**

M**oderator** **Aviva Raz Shechter**

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

**Discussants**

**Jarrod Clyne**

Deputy Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

**Raul Heredia**

Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

**Oh Joon**

Former Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the UN; former President of the Conference of State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

 **Inclusive UN**

**Moderator Facundo Chavez Penillas**

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

**Catalina Devandas Aguilar**

Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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