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**INCLUSIVE INITIATIVES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE AMERICAS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (CIADDIS)**

June 15, 2016 3:00 pm- 4:30 pm

United Nations, Conference Room No. 11

The Organization of American States (OAS) through its Department of Social Inclusion (DIS), the Inter-American Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities, and the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, are pleased to invite you to the Panel Discussion *"Inclusive Initiatives for Persons with Disabilities in the Americas within the framework of the Inter*-*American Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities"* on the occasion of the celebration of the Ninth Conference of the States Parties to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

The Inter-American Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (CIADDIS) is the first international convention adopted on disability and it sets a binding commitment for States Parties to adopt legislative, social, educational and labor measures as well as any other nature that intends to eliminate discrimination against persons with disabilities and promote their full integration into society. This event aims to provide an opportunity for reflection on the progress and difficulties detected in the States of the American Continent to meet the objectives of this Convention, as it is facing its fifteen years of existence. To this end, a panel of high-level experts will share some current initiatives to promote legislative reforms and the adoption of public policies aimed at eliminating barriers to the inclusion of persons with disabilities, with potential to be replicated in other regions of the world, thereby promoting international cooperation among nations as a platform for development.

**Issues to be** **addressed:**

* The challenge of transforming public policies based on services toward a human rights approach.
* Instructive Manual on supports and safeguards for the exercise of the legal capacity of persons with disabilities according to Article 12 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability: an initiative from America to the World.
* American Decade for the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities.
* Articulation of the Inter-American and Universal agenda in terms of Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
* Regional Centre for Disability.

**Moderator:**

Juan Pablo Salazar, President of the Committee for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities and President of the National Council on Disability of Colombia.

**Panelists:**

* María Soledad Cisternas, President of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
* Betilde Muñoz-Pogossian, Director of the Department of Social Inclusion of the OAS (DSI).
* Mariano Godachevich, Vice-President of the Committee for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities. Legal Advisor of the National Program for Persons with Disabilities in their Relations with the Administration of Justice of Argentina (To be confirmed).
* Daniel Concha, Principal Delegate of Chile before the Committee for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities and Director of the National Service of Disability of Chile (SENADIS).

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