On the occasion of the 10th Conference of States Parties to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka, along with the International Foundation for Electoral Systems, Disabled People’s International, National Council for Disability Affairs in Egypt, the Special Talent and Exchange Program of Pakistan and International Disability Alliance invite you to attend

**How Establishing Partnerships with Multiple Types of Stakeholders Helps to Increase Access to the Political Process**

*DPOs in Sri Lanka worked with IFES to advocate for disability-inclusive language in the new constitution.*

Date: Thursday, June 15, 2017

Time: 1:15 – 2:30pm

Location: UN Headquarters,
Conference Room 12

*Captioning will be available.*

Collaboration of disabled people’s organizations with multiple types of stakeholders, such as election management bodies, political parties, disability rights councils, women’s organizations and media, can result in significant advances in achieving access to political rights. Successful strategies for engaging these stakeholders in different country contexts towards effective implementation of CRPD Article 29 on participation in political and public life and Sustainable Development Goal 16 on peace, justice and strong institutions will be discussed.

**Chair**
Ambassador A.S. Khan, Deputy Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the UN in New York

**Panelists**
Mr. Senarath Attanayake, Provincial Councillor, Sri Lanka
Ms. Virginia Atkinson, Senior Access and Inclusion Specialist, International Foundation for Electoral Systems
Dr. Ashraf Marei, Secretary General, National Council for Disability Affairs, Egypt

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