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**Ministry of Social Development
and Human Security (MSDHS)**

**Thailand**

**Towards a draft** **General Comment on Article 19 CRPD:**

**Providing a forum for interactive dialogue on the right to living independently and being included in the community**

**10th Conference of States parties to the CRPD Side-Event**

**13 June 2017**

**6:15- 8:00 p.m.**

**Conference Room 4**

**This side event aims to:**

**-** Inform stakeholders about the ongoing process of drafting a General Comment on article 19 of the CRPD

- Provide a forum for interactive dialogue on the right to living independently and being included in the community

**Moderator:** Monthian Buntan (CRPD Committee member)

**Opening Remarks:**

* Ambassador Virachai Plasai, the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations
* Theresia Degener (CRPD Chair)

**Speakers:**

* Danlami Basharu (CRPD Committee member)

*The draft General Comment on article 19*

* Connie Laurin-Bowie, Executive Director of Inclusion International and International Disability Alliance representative (TBC)

*Critical review from civil society perspective*

* Nadia Hadad, Member of the Board, European Network on Independent Living

*Critical review from civil society perspective*

* Rosemary Kayess, Human Rights and Disability Project, Australian Human Rights Centre, UNSW Law

*A gender perspective*

This side event will be held in English and captioning will be provided

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