**Tuesday 11th July**

**9.00am - 11.00am**

**Review of SDGs: Implementation SDG 2**

Thank you, excellency for the opportunity to speak.

Recently, disability has emerged as one of the strongest known factors that affect a household’s food security.[[1]](#footnote-1) Malnutrition, and hunger are also pervasive for persons with disabilities due to exclusion and marginalization. As such, persons with disabilities are more susceptible to suffer from malnutrition, and poverty increases the risk of disability through malnutrition.[[2]](#footnote-2) Extending beyond the individual, many households with a person with a disability experience material hardship, including lack of access to safe water and sanitation and food insecurity, and increased costs due to disability-related expenses. At a community level, health and nutrition programs frequently are physically inaccessible or involve cost-prohibitive transportation, and persons with disabilities in institutions are overlooked in food programmes.

The right to food, an important determinant of nutritional status, is articulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Article 25) which specifically mentions the rights of people with disabilities to have physical access to adequate food. The CRPD additionally reinforces that persons with disabilities have the right to adequate food, including food security, safeguards, and an adequate standard of living. For the 2030 Agenda to truly uphold its ambitions in Goal 2 inclusive of persons with disabilities we recommend:

* Ensuring access to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year round and access to safe and affordable drinking water and sanitation for persons with disabilities.
* Mainstream disability into food programmes, nutrition, and food security efforts.
* Ensure persons with disabilities benefit equally from mainstream food programmes and food security efforts.

1. http://www.worldhunger.org/disability-is-an-important-risk-factor-for-food-insecurity/ [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. World Disability Report [↑](#footnote-ref-2)