

Side Event: 14th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD

**“Leave No One behind in Education:
Rights to Education of Persons with Disabilities during the COVID 19 Pandemic”**

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Article 24 of the UN Conventions on the Rights of Person with Disabilities recognizes “the right of persons with disabilities to education without discrimination and on the basis of equal opportunity”. However, children and learners with disabilities around the world are still excluded from education and the pandemic of COVID 19 deteriorates the existing exclusion. This side event will focus on “the right of persons with disabilities to education without discrimination and on the basis of equal opportunity”, sharing efforts and measures to ensure the rights to education of persons with disabilities taken by states parties such as Republic of Korea, Uganda, Russia Federation and Australia as well as a good practice of international cooperation between Republic of Korea and Uganda. Ultimately, we will seek specific practices to make sure “Leave No One behind in Education” in disaster situation like COVID 19.

Moderator:

Ms. Shin Hei Soo
Chair, Korea Center for United Nations Human Rights Policy
Member, UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Welcome Statement:

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations
Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations
Ms. Kim Mi Yeon

Vice-Chair, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Keynote Speech:

- Right to education of persons with disabilities based on Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Ms. Rosemary Kayess, Chair, the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Australia)

Speakers:

-Organizing Teachers with Disabilities' Union and actions to ensure the right to education of persons with disabilities

Mr. Kim Hun Yong, Chair, Korea Hamkke Union of Disabled Teachers (Republic of Korea)

- Situation of excluded rights to education of persons with disabilities and measures in the midst of COVID19

Ms. Silvia Quan, Former Vice-Chair, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Guatemala)

- Case and implication of Disability-inclusive international cooperation project in the field of education between Republic of Korea and Uganda

Ms. Elizabeth Rwabu, Teacher, Representative of International Leaders in Education Program (Uganda)

- Inclusive Education for persons with disabilities in Hybrid Method in the COVID19 pandemic

Mr. Oleg Kolpashchikov, President, White Cane (Russian Federation)

-Strategy and principle to ensure the right of education of persons with disabilities in the pandemic

Mr. Puay Tiak Lim, Board Member, International Disability Alliance (Singapore)

Closing Statement:

- Chair of Korea NGO Coalition for UNCRPD

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