

**Nothing about us without us:  
Enhancing participation of persons with disabilities in political  
and public life in Asia & Europe**

**Side-Event to the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference of States Parties to the  
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

**Time: 11:45 am - 1:00 pm, 14th June 2017  
Venue: UNHQ, New York, USA, Conference Room 11**

Based on the outcomes of the 16th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights, this side-event will bring together experts from Asia and Europe to:

- Exchange best practices ensuring meaningful participation of persons with disabilities in political and public life in Asia and Europe
- Share recommendations to improve participation of persons with disabilities in all aspects of political and public life in both regions
- Exchange ideas on how regional processes in both regions can support national implementation

**Welcome remarks:**

**Vanessa VOVOR**, Asia-Europe Foundation

**Moderator:**

**Diane KINGSTON**, Deputy Director of CBM International Advocacy and Alliances, and former Vice-Chairperson of the UN Committee of the CRPD.

**Panelists:**

- **Dr Rosemary KAYESS**, Senior Research Fellow, University of New South Wales, Australia
- **Risna UTAMI**, Chair of the Indonesian National Consortium for Disability Rights (INCDR)
- **Nadia HADAD**, Executive Committee Member, European Disability Forum (EDF), and Board Member, European Network on Independent Living (ENIL)

**Background:**

This side-event is organised in follow-up to the 16th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights, which took place on 8-10 November 2016 in Beijing, China, on the topic "Persons with Disabilities and Human Rights". The Informal Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Seminar on Human Rights promotes mutual understanding and co-operation between Europe and Asia in the area of political dialogue, particularly on human rights issues. It is co-organised by the ASEF, the Raoul Wallenberg Institute (nominated by the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs), the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development, the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs and the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. ASEF has acted as the Secretariat of the Seminar since 2000.

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