



2017 International Day of Persons with Disabilities

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PROGRAMME

Theme: Transformation towards sustainable and resilient society for all

09.00 to 10.00 – Heidi Latsky Dance Installation, Visitors' Entrance

09.55 to 10.00 – Introduction of the Opening Session by Ms. Daniela Bas, Director, DSPD/DESA

10.00 to 11.10 – Opening Session

First segment:

- Moderator: Ms. Venus Ilagan, Secretary General, Rehabilitation International
- H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, President of the 72nd session of the General Assembly
- H.E. Ambassador Mr. Georgi Panayotov, Permanent Representative of Bulgaria
- H.E. Mr. Finnian Cheshire, Deputy Permanent Representative of New Zealand

Second segment:

- Moderator: Ms. Venus Ilagan, Secretary General, Rehabilitation International
- H.E. Ambassador Mr. Feridun H. Sinirlioğlu, Permanent Representative of Turkey
- H.E. Ambassador Mr. Diego Morejón-Pazmiño, Deputy Permanent Representative of Ecuador
- H.E. Ambassador Mr. Toshiya Hoshino, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan
- H.E. Ambassador Mr. Park Chull-joo, Deputy Permanent Representative of Republic of Korea
- Ms. Penny Hartin, Chief Executive Officer, World Blind Union

11.10 to 11.16 – Screening of the short film on promoting school transport for children with disabilities from Access Exchange International



11.17- 11.20 – Introduction of musical performance and Mr. Bae Boumjun by Ms. Daniela Bas, Director, DSPD/DESA

11.20 to 11.35 – Performance by Korean musicians and statement by Mr. Bae Boumjun

11. 35 to 11.40 – Screening of two short films “Include Us”, and “Message of Life”

11. 40 to 11.45 – Introduction of panel discussion by Ms. Daniela Bas, Director, DSPD/DESA

11.45 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Panel Discussion on “Persons with disabilities as agents of change: Lessons from disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction and humanitarian action for resilient and sustainable societies”

- Moderator: H.E. Ambassador Mr. Luis Gallegos, Special Advisor, Nippon Foundation
- Ms. Margaret Arnold, Senior Social Development Specialist, Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience, World Bank
- Mr. Gopal Mitra, Programme Specialist - Children with Disabilities, Disability Section/Programme Division, UNICEF
- Mr. Hiroshi Kawamura, Board Member and Former President of the DAISY Consortium
- Mr. Satoshi Iiyama, Co-Founder, University of Tokyo Empower Project
- Ms. Boram Lee, Disability Advisor, Women’s Refugee Commission
- Mr. Victor Pineda, President of GAATES and World Enabled (per video)

12. 55 p.m. to 01.00 p.m. – Screening of the video “Medea” from Teatro Patologico

1.15 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. – Side event on “Big data analytics and text mining: monitoring and evaluating disability and development for SDGs and CRPD implementation”, Conference Room A

1.15 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. – Side event on “Sustainable developments in health through innovative technologies”, Conference Room 8

3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Panel Discussion on “Building Future Societies for All”

Opening remarks

- H.E. Ambassador Ms. Joanne Adamson, Deputy Head of European Union Delegation
- H.E. Ambassador Mr. Georgi Velikov Panayotov, Permanent Representative of Bulgaria
- H.E. Ambassador Mr. Damiano Beleffi, Permanent Representative of San Marino
- Mr. Kazi Rahman, Deputy Special Representative, United Nations World Tourism Organization NY Liaison Office



Panel A

- Moderator: Dennis Anderson, Chairman, Center for Entrepreneurship, Institute of E-Government and Sustainability, St. Francis College
- H.E. Ambassador Ms. Helena Yáñez Loza, Deputy Permanent Representative of Ecuador
- Mr. Victor Calise, Commissioner, New York City Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities
- Mr. John Farmer, Director, Microsoft Cities
- Ms. Lauren Gula, Senior Manager, Social Responsibility and Gender Equality, UN Global Compact
- Mr. Srin Madipalli, Accessibility Program and Product Manager, AirBnB
- Mr. Rick Chavolla, American Indian Community House

Panel B

- Moderator: Ahmed Fathi, Managing Editor, American Television News
- H.E. Ambassador Mr. Walton Alfonso Webson, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda
- Mr. Bryan Grimaldi, Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel, NYC & Company
- Ms. Daniella Foster, Senior Director of Global Corporate Responsibility, Hilton Worldwide
- Mr. Clark Stevens, Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Partnerships, AirBnB
- Ms. Tui Shortland, Co-Founder, Native XP
- Ms. Lynn Minnaert, Academic Chair, Jonathan M. Tisch Center for Hospitality and Tourism, New York University



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