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**UNITED NATIONS Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

**(CRPD Committee)**

**Day of General discussion on the right to equality and**

**non-discrimination (Article 5)**

**Room XVII**

 ***Palais des Nations*, Geneva**

**25 August 2017**

PROGRAMME OF WORK

**10h00–10h30**  **Opening remarks**

* Gianni Magazzeni, Officer-in-Charge, Human Rights Council and Treaties Mechanisms Division, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
* Ambassador Ulrich Seidenberger, Chargé d’Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Office of the United Nations and to the other International Organizations in Geneva
* Kagwira Mbogori, Chair of the Kenyan National Commission on Human Rights
* Ikponwosa (“I.K.”) Ero, Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of Human Rights of Persons with Albinism (written statement)
* Theresia Degener, Chair, CRPD Committee

**10h40–11h30 Panel 1 on Disability–Based Discrimination and Intersectionality**

 **Purpose: The purpose of this panel is to identify different forms of disability–based discrimination (direct, indirect, etc); the personal scope of anti-discrimination law (present, past, future impairments, associates); and other discrimination grounds which can intersect with disability-based discrimination (gender, religion, race, sexual orientation, etc).**

Moderator: Jonas Ruskus, Chair of the Working Group on article 5, CRPD Committee

* Anna Lawson, University of Leeds
* Andrea Parra, CREA
* Umoh Ekaete Judith, Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities (JONAPWD)
* Yetnebersh Nigussie, Light for the World
* Facundo Chavez, Disability Advisor Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights

**11h40–12h20 Panel 2 on Justiciability and Enforcement of Equality and Non-Discrimination in the context of disability**

 **Purpose: The purpose of this panel is to discuss the nature of equality and non-discrimination as a principle or a right. Major questions to be raised are: What is necessary to achieve justiciability and enforcement? What lessons can we learn from law making and litigation?**

Moderator: Danlami Basharu, Vice-Chair, CRPD Committee

* Anastasia Crickley, Chair, Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination,
* Carlos Rios Espinosa, Human Rights Watch
* Virginia Bras-Gomes, Chair, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
* Dalile Antunez, ACIJ (Civil Association for Equality and Justice)

**12h20–13h00 Interactive debate**

**13h00–15h00 Lunch Break**

**13h30–14h45** Side event organized by International Disability Alliance (IDA), Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), and the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) “SDG–CRPD Implementation for Equality of Persons with Disabilities”

**15h00–16h00 Panel 3 on Distinguishing Reasonable Accommodation, Special Measures and Obligations under Accessibility**

 **Purpose: This panel shall explore the different concepts of reasonable accommodation, special measures and accessibility. The main question to be raised is: What is their legal character and what legal obligations do they trigger?**

Moderator: Laszlo Lovaszy, CRPD Committee

* Dalia Leinarte, Chair, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
* Lisa Waddington, Maastricht University
* Eric Carlson, International Labour Organization
* Agustina Palacios, Center of Human Rights, University of Mar del Plata
* Amita Dhanda, NALSAR University of Law
* Seree Nonthasoot, ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights

**16h10–17h20 Interactive Debate on all panels**

Moderator: Damjan Tatic, Vice-Chair, CRPD Committee

**17h30–18h00 Concluding comments and closing remarks**

Moderator: Theresia Degener, Chair, CRPD Committee

* Silvia Quan, International Disability Alliance
* Coomara Pyandeanee, Vice-Chair, CRPD Committee
* Jonas Ruskus, Chair, Working Group on article 5 CRPD

**18h10–19h30 Reception in front of Room XVII**

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