



G3ict The Global Initiative for Inclusive ICTs

A Flagship Advocacy Initiative of the United Nations Global Alliance for ICT and Development

SPEAKERS' PROFILES BY PANEL

8:45-9:00 – WELCOME REMARKS AND REVIEW OF MEETING OBJECTIVES AND AGENDA

Dr. Susan Sell, Professor of Political Science and International Affairs; Director, Institute for Global and International Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University

Dr. Sell is a political science graduate of Colorado College and holds a Masters and a Phd from University of California-Berkeley. She is the author of a number of publications on Intellectual Property rights, notably "Intellectual Property and the Doha Round" in 2007. She teaches undergraduate and graduate courses at GWU in international political economy, and international relations theory.

Sergei Kambalov, Executive Coordinator, United Nations Global Alliance for ICT and Development (UN GAID)

Mr. Kambalov is a magna cum laude graduate of Moscow State University, and holds a Phd in International Economics from the Diplomatic Academy in Moscow. He joined the UN in 1989 and has extensive experience in the area of multi-stakeholder cooperation in ICT for development, notably within the UN ICT Task Force, WSIS and GAID. He has been appointed at his present position in February 2010.

Axel Leblois Executive Director, G3ict

Axel Leblois is the Founder and Executive Director of G3ict – the Global Initiative for Inclusive Technologies, an Advocacy Initiative of the United Nations Global Alliance for ICT and Development.

A graduate of Sciences-Po in Paris, Axel Leblois holds an MBA from INSEAD. After more than 20 years at the helm of information technology companies in the US, Axel Leblois launched G3ict in 2006, with the support of UN GAID , , and in cooperation with the Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities at UNDESA. To promote and facilitate the implementation of the dispositions of the Convention in matters of accessible and assistive ICTs, G3ict works in close cooperation with organizations representing persons with disabilities, the ICT industry, the public sector, academia and United Nations affiliated organizations.

9:00-10:30 – PANEL ONE: PROCESS AND LEGITIMACY OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (CRPD)

Panel Chair:

Kareem Dale, Associate Director, White House Office of Public Engagement and Special Assistant to the President for Disability Policy

Kareem Dale coordinates the Obama Administration's efforts to see that people with disabilities are on a level playing field with all Americans. A long time adviser on disabilities to Senator, Candidate and President Obama, Kareem Dale is a graduate of University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and holds a JD/MBA from that University.

Panelists:

H.E. Luis Gallegos Ambassador, Ambassador of Ecuador to the United States, G3ict Chairperson and past Chair of the Ad Hoc Preparatory Committee of the United Nations General Assembly for the CRPD

Ambassador Gallegos is Chairman of the Global UN Partnership for Inclusive Information and Communication Technologies and President of the International Rehabilitation Foundation.

His achievements as an Ecuadorian diplomat since 1966 have been recognized by the Ecuadorian government and by numerous countries over the years. A prominent member of UN organizations and commissions, he is, in a

personal capacity, an expert member of the UN Committee against Torture and other Cruel and Inhuman Treatments. Ambassador Gallegos is a law graduate of the Central University of Ecuador, and hold a MA from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy- Tufts University

Judith E. Heumann, Special Advisor for International Disability Rights, U.S. Department of State

Judith Heumann is an internationally recognized leader in the disability community and a lifelong civil rights advocate for disadvantaged people. From the Clinton Administration to the World Bank and to her present position, she has been involved on the international front working with disabled people's organizations and governments around the world, and co-founded the Center for Independent Living in Berkeley, California and the World Institute on Disability in Oakland, California. A graduate of Long Island University, Judith Heumann holds a Master in Public Health from the University of California-Berkeley, and received a number of Honorary Doctorates. She was the first recipient of the Henry B. Betts Award in recognition of efforts to significantly improve the quality of life for people with disabilities.

Charles Radcliffe, Chief of the Global Issues Section, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

Prior to joining the OHCHR in 2006, Charles Radcliffe helped establish the International Crisis Group—a leading non-governmental organization committed to preventing and resolving deadly conflict. He stayed in various capacities, including vice-president, with this organization for 11 years. Mr. Radcliffe also served as an aide to several British and Australian politicians and as

a policy adviser and evaluation specialist in the Australian public service. A law graduate from Kings' College in London, he holds a Masters Degree in International Relations from Sydney University.

Eric Guozhong Zhang, Social Affairs Officer, Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), and former member of the Chinese Delegation to the Ad Hoc Committee sessions for the drafting of the Convention

Graduated with degrees in Sociology and Demography from China's Nanjing University, Fudan University and Beijing University, he ever worked since 1980s in disability and social policy in both Chinese Governmental departments and civil society organizations. Before joining the United Nations, he was a director in China Disabled Persons' Federation and the National Secretary of Rehabilitation International in China. Also an Executive Board Member of International Abilympic Federation and Asian Paralympic Committee.

John L. Wodatch, Chief, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section, U.S. Department of Justice

As a civil rights attorney, Mr. Wodatch has over 30 years experience with the Federal Government, specializing in the rights of persons with disabilities. He is the chief author of the Department of Justice's ADA regulations and of the Federal regulations implementing section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. A graduate of Trinity College in Connecticut, he holds a M.P.A. from Harvard University and a J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center.

Mohammed Al-Tarawneh, Inaugural Chairperson and Vice-President 2010, UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Mr. Al-Tarawneh has 25 years of experience worldwide coordinating and liaising with government agencies, civil society organizations, and local government officials in the areas of human rights, democracy and governance, capacity building, awareness raising, poverty alleviation, community development and mobilization, Gender Integration & Youth Participation, Urban planning/policies, conflict/post conflict resolution, and sustainability of programs including monitoring and evaluation. With an extensive knowledge of the Middle East and North Africa, he holds an M.A. Degree in Peace Diplomacy and Development and a Bachelor degree in Civil Engineering.

10:45-12:15 – PANEL TWO: DEMOGRAPHIC SCOPE OF THE CRPD AND GLOBAL IMPACT OF ICT ACCESSIBILITY AND RELATED POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

Panel Chair:

John D. Kemp, Esq., Partner, Powers Pyles Sutter & Verville PC; Executive Director and General Counsel, U.S. Business Leadership Network (USBLN®) (G3ict Research Committee Chair)

John D. Kemp is widely respected for his many achievements, both in the corporate and non-profit worlds. With more than 45 years of direct experience in the disability movement, John D. Kemp has partnered, worked for and served on the Boards of Directors of some of the leading disability and nonprofit organizations.

Mr. Kemp currently serves on the Medicaid Commission as well as the State Department's Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities which guides the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the Agency for International Development (USAID) in the formulation and implementation of U.S. foreign policy and assistance with respect to people with disabilities.

Mr. Kemp graduated from Georgetown University in 1971 and from Washburn University School of Law in 1974. Mr. Kemp was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Law from Washburn University School of Law in May, 2003.

Panelists:

Frances West, World Wide Director, IBM Human Ability & Accessibility Center

Ms. West is charged with the worldwide responsibility of establishing IBM market leadership by promoting advanced research technology, products, services and solutions in the area of human ability and accessibility. She is currently a board member of the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD), the Assistive Technology Industry Association, and the US Business Leadership Network.

Ms. West attended the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Washington & Lee University in Virginia, and graduated with a marketing degree from the University of Kentucky.

Jonathan Hahm, Senior Attorney Advisor, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section, U.S. Department of Justice

Jonathan Hahm is a Senior Attorney Advisor with the U.S. Department of Justice. His work focuses on disability rights laws, especially issues pertaining to IT accessibility law and policy. Jonathan has worked for 13 years with the U.S. Department of Justice enforcing the Americans with Disabilities Act and Sections 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act.

Tim Creagan, Senior Accessibility Expert, U.S. Access Board

Mr. Creagan is a nationally recognized expert on accessible electronic and information technology and telecommunications and previously served as the designated Federal officer for the Telecommunications and Electronic and Information Technology Advisory Committee (TEITAC), which prepared and submitted a report of recommendations to the Access Board concerning the refresh of Section 508 standards and

Section 255 guidelines. The author of many documents and articles on digital accessibility, Mr. Creagan is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and holds a J.D. from the Catholic University of America.

Richard Horne, Disability Policy Advisor, ODEP (Office of Disability Employment Policy), U.S. Department of Labor

Prior to working for ODEP, Richard served as Deputy Director on the Presidential Task Force on the Employment of Adults with Disabilities, and was the Deputy Director of the Disabilities Studies and Services Center, at the Academy for Educational Development (Washington DC). Mr. Horne began his career in the field of disabilities as a Special Education Teacher in Montgomery County, Maryland. He holds a Doctorate from George Washington University and has written and presented extensively notably on employment of individuals with disabilities and school to work transition.

Karen Peltz Strauss, Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Ms. Peltz Strauss has over 25 years experience working on issues concerning telecommunications access for people with disabilities. Before joining the FCC, she co-founded the Coalition of Organizations for Accessible Technology, or COAT, a coalition of over 300 national and regional organizations dedicated to ensuring disability access to emerging Internet-based and digital communications technologies in the 21st century. She also served as legal counsel for Gallaudet University's National Center for Law and Deafness and the National Association of the Deaf. In 2006, Ms. Peltz Strauss published *A New Civil Right: Telecommunications Equality for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Americans*.

Malcolm Johnson, Director, Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB), International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Mr. Johnson has extensive knowledge of ITU gained over 20 years, and participated in many initiatives in the organization, notably through his proposal for the new Global Standards Collaboration (Sydney, 2001), chairing the Reform Group on standardization prior to PP-02 and initiation of many reforms in ITU-T to speed up the work and increase the role of the private sector. Representing the UK in several international organizations, he also was responsible for the European Commission projects and legislation supporting the development of the GSM and DECT technical standards, and represented the EC in CEPT and the European Telecommunications Standardization Institute (ETSI).

1:45-3:15- PANEL THREE: SUCCESSFUL TREATY IMPLEMENTATION: KEY FACTORS OF SUCCESS AND OBSTACLES

Panel Chair:

Kathleen Martinez, Assistant Secretary, Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), U.S. Department of Labor

As third Assistant Secretary for Disability Employment Policy, Ms. Martinez advises the Secretary of Labor and works with all DOL agencies to lead a comprehensive and coordinated national policy regarding the employment of people with disabilities.

Ms. Martinez is an internationally recognized disability rights leader specializing in employment, asset building, independent living, international development, diversity and gender issues. Prior to her present position, she served as Executive Director of the *World Institute on Disability* (WID), and also led the team that produced the acclaimed international webzine *DisabilityWorld* in English and Spanish.

In 2005, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice appointed her as one of eight public members of the newly-established State Department advisory committee on disability and foreign policy.

Panelists:

Professor Jia Yang, Vice Chair, UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences

Professor Yang was elected as a model for working Chinese women in 2009. Admitted at Zhengzhou University when she was 15, she taught at that university for several years, and obtained subsequently a master's degree at the Graduate School of Chinese Academy of Sciences. In 2000, Yang won the opportunity to study at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and became the first blind Master in Public Administration graduate at Harvard.

Dr. Linamara Rizzo Battistella, Secretary for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Government of the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil -- Represented by Danilo Piaggese, Fondazione Rosselli Americas

Danilo Piaggese, Managing Director, Fondazione Rosselli Americas

Mr. Piaggese has worked for over 25 years in the development sector, with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the European Commission and most recently, the Inter-American Development Bank, where he

promoted, founded and run its first Information & Communications Technology for Development Division. Fondazione Rosselli Americas is devoted to devising development applications of knowledge and cognitive research.

Nirmita Narasimhan, Programme Manager, Center for Internet and Society (India), Delegate to the WIPO negotiations on copyright exemptions and Editor of the print version of the "ITU-G3ict E-Accessibility Policy Handbook for Persons with Disabilities"

Ms. Narashiman's current work focuses on certain specific areas, namely, working towards policy formulation for internet and electronic accessibility for disabled persons in India, reviewing the Indian Copyright Act and working towards amendments to the Act to include exceptions and limitations for the print challenged, and working at a national level towards support of the World Blind Union treaty at the WIPO. Ms. Narashiman graduated from Law College in 2002. She is also a proficient vocal classical singer and has completed her MPhil in Karnatic music from the Delhi University with honours.

Diana Samarasan, Director, Disability Rights Fund and Board member of the United States International Council on Disability (USCID)

Diana Samarasan has worked for over 12 years in disability, international health and human rights. In her previous position, Diana directed the Mental Disability Advocacy Center (MDAC) in Budapest, Hungary -a legal advocacy organization which litigates abuses of rights of persons with mental disabilities in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. A graduate of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, Ms. Samarasan has advanced degrees in Public Administration and Psychology. She is a Board member of the United States International Council on Disability (USCID).

Paul Schroeder, Vice President, Programs and Policy Group, American Foundation for the Blind

As vice president of Programs and Policy, Paul Schroeder oversees all of AFB's national programmatic efforts in aging, education, employment, literacy, and technology, as well as AFB's public policy and research agendas.

His policy expertise and activities include the areas of telecommunications and technology policy. Schroeder is also the senior contributing editor for *AccessWorld: Technology for Consumers with Visual Impairments*, published by AFB Press.

Schroeder earned his B.A. in political science and international studies from American University in Washington.

3:30-4:45 p.m. – EDUCATION CONFERENCE TRACK: Continued Conference Track on Education (parallel to Break-out Sessions): Access to education, access to the world through assistive technology

Panel Chair:

Carol Kochhar-Bryant, Professor of Special Education, Department Chair, Department of Special Education and Disability, The George Washington Graduate School of Education and Human Development

For 21 years, Ms. Kochhar-Bryant has developed and directed advanced graduate and doctoral leadership preparation programs related to secondary and transition services for youth with disabilities. She currently consults with public school districts, state departments of education, and federal agencies, and has collaborated in international special education and transition policy research with the World Bank and the Office of Economic Cooperation and Development. She is past president of the Division on Career Development and Transition of the International Council for Exceptional Children.

Panel Respondent:

Katherine D. Seelman, Professor Rehabilitation Science and Technology, Associate Dean Disability Programs, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, University of Pittsburgh

Co-scientific director of the Quality of Life Technology Engineering Research Center, supported by the National Science Foundation, Ms. Seelman is a former director of the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research. She has been part of a number of advisory and editorial committees, including helping the World Health Organization develop the first world report on disability as one of nine international advisors in 2006. A graduate of New York University, Ms. Seelman holds a MA in Public Policy and a Ph.D. in Science, Technology and Public Policy from the same University.

Panelists:

Jennifer Sheehy, Director, Office of Policy and Planning, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), U.S. Department of Education

Ms. Sheehy came to OSERS from the Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities where she was Senior Policy Advisor. Prior to joining the Task Force, she served as Vice President of the National Organization on Disability and Director of its CEO Council. A graduate of Cornell University, she holds a MBA from Georgetown University and has worked in marketing, management and research in several corporations. Among many awards, she was the recipient of the National Association for Women in Education "Woman of Distinction" award.

David Baquis, Accessibility Specialist, U.S. Access Board

The Access Board is an independent Federal agency that promotes accessibility for persons with disabilities and was authorized under the Rehabilitation Act to write the Standard for Section 508. Mr. Baquis comes to the Access Board from SHHH (Self Help for Hard of Hearing People) where he served as Director of the National Center on Assistive Technology. Mr. Baquis holds a bachelor degree in psychology from the University of Maryland and a Certificate in Assistive Technology Applications from California State University. He serves on numerous disability boards and advisory councils, and was recently inducted into the National Hall of Fame for Persons with Disabilities.

David Rose, Founder and Chief Education Officer, CAST

Dr. David Rose is a developmental neuropsychologist and educator whose primary focus is on the development of new technologies for learning. In 1984, Dr. Rose co-founded CAST, whose mission is to improve education, for all learners, through innovative uses of modern multimedia technology and contemporary research in the cognitive neurosciences. Dr. Rose also teaches at Harvard's Graduate School of Education. The recipient with CAST of numerous awards, Dr. Rose also participates and leads in CAST development of programs for education. He regularly advises state departments of education on policies related to the education of students with disabilities and designing universally designed educational systems.

Susan Swenson, Acting Director, National Institute of Disability and Rehabilitative Research (NIDRR)

Sue Swenson is the CEO of The Arc of the United States. The Arc provides \$3 billion worth of advocacy, support, and services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Ms. Swenson has worked as a marketer for business ethics, heart transplantation, and environmental consulting among other things. She has also been executive director of the Kennedy Foundation.

5:00-6:00 – PRESENTATIONS OF BREAK-OUT CONCLUSIONS WITH POLICY MAKERS' FEEDBACK

Moderator:

Paul Schafer, Information Technology & Accessibility Specialist, U.S. Department of State