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The Global Initiative for Inclusive ICTs

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

Agenda

Day 1: Monday, November, 15, 2010

03:30 - 05:00 **U.S. Department of State-hosted briefing on ICT Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities**

07:00 - 09:00 **Opening Dinner at the City View Room - Elliott School of International Affairs**

Day 2: Tuesday, November, 16, 2010

08:00 - 08:45 **Breakfast in the City View Room**

08:45 - 09:00 **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
- **Sergei Kambalov**, Executive Coordinator, United Nations Global Alliance for ICT and Development (UN GAID)
- **Axel Leblois**, Executive Director, G3ict

09:00 - 10:30 **PANEL ONE: PROCESS AND LEGITIMACY OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (CRPD)**

The panel will discuss the unique process by which the CRPD was developed and promoted around the world and how this process reinforces its legitimacy and will impact its implementation by States Parties.

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

- **H.E. Luis Gallegos**, 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
- **Judith E. Heumann**, Special Advisor for International Disability Rights, U.S. Department of State
- **Charles Radcliffe**, Chief of the Global Issues Section, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
- **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
- **John L. Wodatch**, Chief, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section, U.S. Department of Justice
- **Mohammed Al-Tarawneh**, Inaugural Chairperson and Vice-President 2010, UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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Coffee Break

10:45 -
12:15

PANEL TWO: DEMOGRAPHIC SCOPE OF THE CRPD AND GLOBAL IMPACT OF ICT ACCESSIBILITY AND RELATED POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

The panel will highlight functionality metrics for disabilities and demonstrate the broad demographics covered by the CRPD including the demographics of aging and related market opportunities for businesses. The panel will also discuss the potential for U.S. leadership to act as a thought leader in ICT accessibility and positively impact 100s of millions of people's daily lives. The United States has been a pioneer in recognizing this as a global issue through various federal agencies (U.S. Access Board, TEITAC, FCC, DOL).

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)

- **Frances West**, World Wide Director, IBM Human Ability & Accessibility Center • Power Point
- **Tim Creagan**, Senior Accessibility Expert, U.S. Access Board • Power Point
- **Jonathan Hahm**, Senior Attorney Advisor, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section, U.S. Department of Justice
- **Richard Horne**, Disability Policy Advisor, ODEP, U.S. Department of Labor
- **Karen Peltz Strauss**, Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
- **Malcolm Johnson**, Director, Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB), International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

12:15 -
01:45

Lunch in the City View Room

Discussants:

- **Jenifer Simpson**, Senior Director, Telecommunications and Technology Policy, American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)
- **Larry Goldberg**, Director of Media Access, WGBH

01:45 -
03:15

PANEL THREE: SUCCESSFUL TREATY IMPLEMENTATION: KEY FACTORS OF SUCCESS AND OBSTACLES

The panel will focus on factual evidence of what is and is not happening "on the ground". How to get services and infrastructure aligned with legislation and the Treaty. What are the key factors that get countries to move forward? Convergent forces: lobbies, legal action by persons with disabilities, technological development?

Chair: Kathleen Martinez, Assistant-Secretary for Disability Employment Policy, ODEP, U.S. Department of Labor

- **Professor Jia Yang**, Vice Chair, UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences
- **Dr. Linamara Rizzo Battistella**, Secretary for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Government of the State of São Paulo, Brazil (represented by **Danilo Piaggese**, Managing Director, Fondazione Rosselli Americas)
- **Nirmita Narasimhan**, Programme Manager, Centre 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"
- **Diana Samarasan**, Director, Disability Rights Fund and Board member of the United

- States International Council on Disability (USCID)
- **Paul Schroeder**, Vice President, Programs and Policy Group, American Foundation for the Blind

03:15 -
03:30

Coffee Break

03:30 -
04:45

Break-out Sessions for Policy Development and Continued Conference Track on Education

Break-out Sessions: Limited to 8-12 participants each. One rapporteur. Each group will produce a 4-5 slide presentation in response to three questions. Each group will return to main conference and present their slides for policy makers. Commentary and reaction from leading U.S. policy makers

Session 1: Regulatory steps to create a level playing field for competitors

- **Chair: Larry Goldberg**, Director of Media Access, WGBH
- **Rapporteur: Jenifer Simpson**, Senior Director, Telecommunications and Technology Policy, American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)

Session 2: Supporting a robust assistive technology ecosystem

- **Chair: James Thurston**, Senior Strategist, Global Policy & Standards Microsoft
- **Rapporteur: David Dikter**, Executive Director, Assistive Technologies Industry Association (ATIA)

Session 3: Governance issues and frameworks: How to include multiple stakeholders in policy making

- **Chair: Judy Brewer**, Director Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI), World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)
- **Rapporteur: Pina D'Intino**, Information Technology and Solutions, Sr. Manager, Enabling Solutions and Support Management, ScotiaBank

Session 4: Funding R&D for accessible and assistive technologies

- **Chair: Burk Kalweit**, ASTRA
- **Rapporteur: K. Anne-Rivers Forke**, IBM Human Ability & Accessibility Center

Session 5: Global opportunities for mobile phones and services accessibility

- **Chair: Susan Mazrui**, Director, Federal Regulatory Affairs, AT&T Services Inc.
- **Rapporteur: Lolia Emakpore**, Director, Consumer Affairs Bureau, Nigerian Communications Commission

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04:45

Continued Conference Track on Education (parallel to Break-out Sessions): Access to education, access to the world through assistive technology

Objective: Identify specific areas of opportunities in supporting country-level policy making and international cooperative efforts in the field of digital accessibility policy making within the framework of Article 24 of the CRPD on Education and Millennium Development Goals.

Key topics: Which U.S. experiences may have universal applicability and serve as a blue print for ICT based solutions for students with disabilities in mainstream education systems? How to best make them available to other countries?

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

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

- **Jennifer Sheehy**, Director, Office of Policy and Planning, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), U.S. Department of Education
- **David Baquis**, Accessibility Specialist, U.S. Access Board
- **David Rose**, Founder and Chief Education Officer, CAST
- **Susan Swenson**, Acting Director, National Institute of Disability and Rehabilitative Research (NIDRR)

05:00 -
06:00

Presentations of Break-out Conclusions with Policy makers' feedback

- **Moderator: Paul Schafer**, Information Technology (IT) Specialist & Assistant Section 508 Coordinator, U.S. Department of State

Break-out Sessions Reports

06:00 -
06:15

Closing remarks and next steps

- **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
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