

Invitation to a Panel Discussion

On the Occasion of the 58th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

“NEW APPROACHES TO POVERTY ERADICATION AMONG WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES – FULL ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SERVICES AND PRODUCTS”

Wednesday, 19 March 2014 – 1:15 to 2:30 p.m.

United Nations Headquarters - Conference Room 7 - North Lawn Building

The 58th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women provides a key opportunity to promote the financial inclusion of women and girls with disabilities. Financial inclusion is an important tool for poverty reduction and development, especially for marginalized social groups. For women with disabilities, access to financial services and products contributes to empowerment and to the unlocking of their productivity, bringing benefits to individuals and their families and communities, as well as to the private sector itself. This side event will enable organizations of women and girls with disabilities to unite their voices in the disability as well as gender dialogues. Furthermore, this side event is seen as a starting point for events to follow during the Beijing +20 Review and Appraisal Process which will take place in 2014-2015.

Moderator: Ms. Stephanie Ortoleva, President of Women Enabled

Panelists:

- Prof. Theresia Degener, CRPD-Expert and Vice-Chair of the Committee
- Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of UN Women
- Ms. Daniela Bas, Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development/UN DESA
- Ms. Asha Hans, Representative of the International Network of Women with Disabilities and Chair of the Women with Disabilities India Network

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CART service will be provided.

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