



Networking Workshop: Advancing the Leadership of Women and Girls with Disabilities in Development and Society

Side Event

Sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) 2017:
“Women’s Economic Empowerment in the Changing World of Work”

**Thursday, 16 March 2017, from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm,
CR S-2727, Secretariat Building, United Nations Headquarters, New York**

The Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (SCRPD) of the Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) will co-organize a side event with Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, with co-sponsorship from the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations, the Department for International Development (DFID) of the United Kingdom, UN Women, United Nations Population Fund, Women Enabled International, and Women’s Refugee Commission under the theme “Advancing the Leadership of Women and Girls with Disabilities in Development and Society”, under the main CSW theme of “Women’s Economic Empowerment in the Changing World of Work”.

Bring together a diverse network of individuals to share their experiences in strengthening the leadership of women with disabilities in development and society, this workshop aims to address the critical need for the international community to promote dialogue between regional and national experts and identify strategies and actions to empower women and girls with disabilities in the implementation of the new agenda.

Speakers

- Commissioner for Gender Equality Nomasonto Grace Mazibuko (South Africa) and Executive Director and Founder of the Albinism Society of South Africa (ASSA) – Confirmed
- Professor Mitsuko Horiuchi (Japan), Visiting Professor at Bunkyo Gakuin University Graduate School of Foreign Studies - Confirmed
- Ms. Daniela Bas, Director of Division for Social Policy and Development, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs