



PLENARY SESSION

INCLUSION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

May 13th, 2019/ 14:00-15:30 / Room 1

Context	<p>There are over one billion persons with disabilities worldwide, making up 15% of the global population, of whom 80% live in the Global South. They are disproportionately affected by the impacts of disasters and crises, given their specific livelihood circumstances, their socio-political isolation (perpetuated by stigma, discrimination and exclusion), information asymmetry, constraints in accessing risk warnings, transportation and emergency shelters, and lack of access to decision-making processes. Disability is multi-dimensional development and human rights issue, and the inclusion of persons of disabilities in all stages of disaster preparedness and recovery will be instrumental to the 2030 Agenda's leaving no one behind principle and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).</p> <p>Recovery is a transformative process through which households and communities can rebuild their assets, restore their livelihoods and strengthen their capacities to manage the impacts of future crisis. To ensure this process is inclusive and participatory, existing legislation, policy frameworks, procedures and practices on recovery at national and local levels need to be revisited for compliance with leaving no one behind and the CRPD.</p> <p>This plenary session will facilitate discussions and experience sharing among key stakeholders on the importance of "inclusion of persons with disabilities" for sustainable and resilient development and methods to make it a reality. Two main objectives of the session are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Share experience, good practices and collaboration of communities, humanitarian, disaster recovery and disabilities actors in socio- economic recovery and resilience in the aftermath of crisis; and 2) Identify key bottlenecks and durable solutions for countries in setting up laws on disability inclusion and integrating disability into disaster preparedness, response and recovery.
Speakers / Panelists	<p>The session will be moderated by UNDP</p> <p>The session panelists include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian Christoplos: Academic and Director Glemmigde • Md. Mohsin, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, Government of Bangladesh • Ms Alexandra Ocles, Secretary, Disaster Risk Management, Government of Ecuador • Mr Khil Bahadur Nepal: Beneficiary of housing reconstruction, Nepal <p>Ms Midori Hirano, Chairperson of Disabled People's International (DPI), Japan.</p>