



## PLENARY SESSION

### INCLUSION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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

Organizer	The United Nations Development Programme
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>
Session Objectives and expected Outcomes	<p>Under the theme "Inclusion for Resilient Recovery" of the fourth World Reconstruction Conference, 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"> <li>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</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>
Key elements for the discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensuring disability inclusion in crisis prevention and disaster risk reduction and risk assessments, recovery and post-disaster recovery planning</li> <li>2. Effective participation of persons with disabilities in all disaster risk management and post disaster recovery, ensuring empowerment in becoming key implementation stakeholders</li> </ol>



	<p>3. Strengthen evidence-based information and data systems on persons with disabilities in the planning and implementation of disaster and resilient recovery strategies</p> <p>4. Mainstream disability in response to “Build Back Better” in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction</p>
Speakers / Panelists	<p>The session will be moderated by UNDP</p> <p>The session panelists include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ian Christoplos:</b> Academic and Director Glemmigde</li> <li>• <b>Md. Mohsin,</b> Additional Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, Government of Bangladesh</li> <li>• <b>Ms Alexandra Ocles,</b> Secretary, Disaster Risk Management, Government of Ecuador</li> <li>• <b>Mr Khil Bahadur</b> Nepal: Beneficiary of housing reconstruction, Nepal</li> <li>• <b>Ms Midori Hirano,</b> Chairperson of Disabled People’s International (DPI) Japan.</li> </ul>
Discussion agenda and structure	<p>This plenary session will be an interactive dialogue between government, academia and CSO representatives facilitated by a moderator. The format is “Davos-style” with each speaker making a five minutes’ introduction followed by discussions in the panel and with the audience. Powerpoint presentations and professional sign language interpreters can be arranged upon advanced request.</p> <p>Discussion agenda and structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14:00-14:05 Moderator(UNDP) introduces the session background and the panel speakers</li> <li>• 14:05-14:40 Panel discussion</li> <li>• 14:40-15:25 Interactive dialogue with questions from the floor as directed by the Moderator</li> <li>• 15:25-15:30 Closing remarks by Moderator</li> </ul> <p>The following guiding questions are offered to stimulate your thinking in relation to the sessions’ key objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the systems, tools and methodologies have your institutions developed or deployed to ensure effective and inclusive data collection, disaggregated by including by sex, age and disability, to inform recovery planning and implementation?</li> <li>• How does your government ensure building back more inclusively in the aftermath of crises? What are the plans and policies in pace to guide the improvement of accessibility for persons with disabilities as well as small children and the elderly during recovery?</li> <li>• How do you engage local communities, non profits including NGOs and the private sector companies on the issue of disability inclusion and disaster risk reduction in your country/community?</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are some key elements of the design and promotion of an inclusive and participatory approach in all disaster risk management and recovery strategies in confirmation with Sendai Framework for DRR?</li> <li>• What gaps, constraints, successful partnerships and durable solutions can be highlighted in mainstreaming disability within the 2030 Agenda's leaving no one behind principle?</li> </ul>
Expected number of participants	1000
Technical Equipment Required	Simultaneous translation English/Spanish/French Additional microphones for translation from Nepali to English