

Agenda

Lessons from 20 years of CRPD Advocacy: How do we rethink partnerships between international organizations, governments and advocates to achieve change?

Side-Event at the 19th Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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Introduction by the Chair (3 minutes)

Mathias Duck – Global Advocacy Lead, The Leprosy Mission International

Words of Welcome (6 minutes)

- **Rania Al Jazairi**, First Social Affairs Officer and Head – Disability Portfolio, UN ESCWA 2 minutes
- **Inmaculada Placencia Porrero**, Senior Expert on Disability at the European Commission 2 minutes
- **Ambassador Natasha Meli**, Permanent Representative of Malta to the UN in New York 2 minutes

20 years of CRPD Engagement in the Arab and European Regions, and Ambitions for the next 20 years (20 minutes)

Rania Al Jazairi, First Social Affairs Officer and Head – Disability Portfolio, UN ESCWA
5 minutes

Inmaculada Placencia Porrero, Senior Expert on Disability at the European Commission 5 minutes

Alex Agius Saliba, Co-Chair – Disability Intergroup, European Parliament
5 minutes

Dinara Dildabekova, Officer – Inclusive Political Participation, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)

5 minutes

Reparations for Persons Affected by Leprosy – A Successful Government-Civil Society Partnership (5 minutes)

Isadora Rodrigues Nascimento Santos, National Secretary for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Nothing Without Us – Implementation of General Comment No. 7 in Malta (6 minutes)

Dr Josanne Ghirxi, Director – Directorate for Disability Issues, Malta 3 minutes

Rhoda Garland, Commissioner for the Rights of Persons with Disability, Malta 3 minutes

To ‘Closely Consult and Actively Involve’: Making a Success of the Next 20 Years – Voices from the Grassroots (20 minutes)

Gertrude Oforiwa Fefoame, Global Advocacy Manager - Sightsavers and CRPD Committee member 5 minutes

Blandine Bouniol, Advocacy Deputy Director – Humanity & Inclusion 5 minutes

Chris Hansen, Director, Intentional Peer Support – 5 minutes

Margaret Henry, Papua New Guinea Organisation of Persons Affected by Leprosy 5 minutes

Interactive Engagement with Participants (15 minutes)

An open floor for participants to ask questions, share experiences and engage with the panellists