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Side-event: Participation of Persons with Intellectual or Psychosocial Disabilities in Political and Public Life

Monday 10/06

- Moderator miss Kim (CRPD)
- Luis Gabriel, Inclusion International. Participation of PwD is a cornerstone of disability, as are, the right to vote, the right to stand for election, the right to have a job in public services. Still persons with psychosocial and intellectual disabilities are still deprived of their rights while there are still seen as incompetent. There should be support to develop supported decision making.
- Carmel Sepuloni, New-Zealand. The state of NZ made the cooperation between the state and the organizations to one of their top policies. The right to vote is a basic human right. The PwD took an important part in the NZ-disability policymaking. The state supports the NZ member, Robert Martin, with an intellectual disability also, when he needs to be reelected.
- Robert Martin, talks about citizenship. When he reached the age of voting, he was not allowed to vote..... Every citizen has the right to be part of the society. A lot of them are stuck away in institutions.
- Oliver Lewis, lawyer UK. 6 member states has abolished the laws which prohibited PwD to vote.
- Kory Earle, Canada. Self-advocate.
- In Indonesia, persons with psychosocial and intellectual disabilities are not even registered as citizen, they do not have an ID card.

Side-event: Artificial Intelligence and the Potential to Increase Inclusion, Participation and Independence for People with Disabilities

- Ima. What has AI to offer to PwD.
- Klaus. How to direct the AI policy. EU strategy on AI. High level expert group and mandate. Two deliverables, Ethics guidelines for AI, policy and Investments Recommendations. Stakeholder event in Brussels on 28/06.

- Has the potential to become a good friend but also our worst enemy. Siri does not understand you when your language changes. The system relies on data and this data is based on “normal” people and “normal” context.
- Business disability International. Artificial recruitment tools, video interviewed conducted by AI, looking at eye contact, facial movements. Cannot assess the person when an job has later to be adapted for a PwD. The jobseeker should be protected by law as consumer.
- Microsoft. AI is not as intelligent as we think it is.... Microsoft has launched a billion dollar Programme....
- Alejandro. PwD need to be engaged en involved in the talks about AI. Virtual reality is useful in the field of rehabilitation.
- ITU, International Telecommunication Union. Is equal accessibility to technology enough or need there to be more equity.
- Zero Project, organizer of this event.

Tuesday 11/06

Side event: Disability Federation of Ireland: How to make Disability Votes Count.
08.15-09.30am

- On a question about how people in institutions should vote, Iannis Vardakastanis answered that there is no intention to have people in institutions to vote but to close down institutions, because people institutions are not free.
- Very important for campaigns is to have much contact details. Manifestos were drafted, contact was made with political parties staff. The federation ran also an email campaign and social media were much used. Sometimes there was a one to one contact. The reaction of the politicians was divers, sometimes they did mention disabilities in their campaign. As well with local as EUP elections. Candidates' interest=voters' interest. Grassroots need a lot of support.

Vardakastanis, how can we influence the political system? By explaining and presenting the EDF Manifesto to political parties. Presented our demands to the two candidates for the EU Commission Presidency. Explained the working and history of the Disability Intergroup. A very important instrument to promote the disability rights agenda.

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- Opening of the conference with the election of the Presidency. Ecuador. Conference to promote human rights for PwD. Refers once more to the signing of the Convention 10 years ago. With 82 signatories the highest UN Convention ever agreed. This years topics are, technology, social inclusion and inclusion of PwD in the society.
- UN SG. Testimony of a refugee woman from Aleppo, Nobody should be left behind, has a very important meaning. Announced the Disability inclusion strategy.
- Muntian Buntan. Vice-chair of CRPD Committee. Talks about the getting a near gender equality in the Cttee since last year. 178 ratifications. Raises the issue of financial resources for funding the travel costs of Cttee members. Feats the demand to reiterate the call to kindly include the travel costs of the Chairperson of the cttee.
- Catalina Devandas. Maria Soledad. Lots of states reports issues about the problems of accessibility. Moving September there is an issue on health and nowhere is accessibility mentioned...
- Ana Arellano IDA. Concerned about he fact that services for PwD are being cut...
- Argentina. 4 million PwD.
- Ecuador. Wife of Lenin Moreno, president van Ecuador. Promote the rights of PwD to fully enjoy their rights.
- Singapore. Committed to building an inclusive society. Are undertaking efforts to make the environment 100% accessible. Are building inclusive pre-schools. Are trying to apply accessible software.
- New-Zealand. Cooperation between government and OPwD will enhance the progress into inclusiveness. Try to built a fully accessible NZ. Will represent Robert Martin for the next CRPD committee.
- Canada. the rights of full citizenship. Subscribes the NOABWU philosophy.
- IDA. Seen an financial decrease of the fiscal space for the implementation of th convention. Insufficient capacity building. Requesting the participation of OPwD in government policies.
- Kenya.

- Arab Emirates. Continues its effort to protect the rights of PwD. Created a high commission for PwD.
- Zimbabwe. Priorities social inclusion, empowerment, education...
- Guinea. Votes a law for PwD, access to jobs... Allocated money to training and learning.
- Portugal. Had an economic crisis with financial cuts in different departments. Two years ago they announced new benefits for PwD. They are now in place.
- Inclusion International. Supporting families by providing them the necessary tools.
- Paraguay. Dialogue between the state and OPwD.
- Brazil. A new law for emission of bank cards in Braille. Baby with.... must have the right to be born.
- Burkina Faso.

Sanitary Stop

Side-event EDC card

Lunch

- CMB. Recommends the short version of the Washington agreement.
- Israel. Equal rights for everyone.....
- Japan. Ratified the Marrakech treaty. Organize the 2020 Paralympics accessible accommodation has to be provided for nearly 300 athletes.
- Iceland. New laws related to social services also for PwD requiring special needs. There is also a legislation for all PwD to live independently.
- Saudi Arabia. Full citizenship for PwD
- China. Data collection is important.
- Chile. Develop a large accessibility Programme
- EU. Talks about the EAA that complies for a great deal with the CRPD. Going to assess the EDC.
- DPI. Proposes a global register of PwD

Wednesday 12/06

- San Marino.
- Senegal. Social protection comes under Senegal's emergency plan. The first CRPD rapport is going to be treated in Geneva this year.
- Salvador. More than 300000 persons has learned to read and write thanks to za national program.
- Algeria. All people are equal against the law, gender, disabled....
- Quatar. Have heavily invested in technology.
- Vietnam.
- Irish Disability Federation. The UNCRPD did not deliver enough.

Round table one. ITC aiding empowerment of PwD

- Assistive technology can enhance mobility. It helps us to have education, health services and to participate at political life.
- The biggest barrier for using ITC by PwD is the financial possibilities of a great part of PwD living in or almost in poverty. A greater cooperation between every stakeholder is important.
- Ima. EU. Speaks about the relation of ICT in the EU AA legislation. Legal measures need to be accompanied by standardization, awareness raising and financing accessibility with Eu funds.
- James Thurston. Digital transformation is happening at all levels of society, more than 50 million devices are connected to Internet. Also classrooms, courts and administrators are connected. A global market of 2.5 trillion \$. Only 40% of official websites are accessible today. 85% of IDA's members do not have equal access to justice.
- Narmita Narasimhan. Framework consistent with human Rights monitoring, Country commitments, country capacity to implement, country actual implementation and outcomes. Only 49% have disability access in their laws. A lot of countries mention they have policies but no implementation.
- Mexico.
- Samoa.

- Slovenia.
- Pakistan.
- UBA of Liberia. Enable disabled people to connect....
- UK. Values assistive technology to allow PwD to live independently.
- Malta.
- Spain. Already had legislation on accessibility of websites. There is an official authority where someone's who thinks his rights has been violated can complain.
- Namibia.
- CRPD Cttee. In a lot of state Parties there are still no measures when access. Standards are not reached.
- Vision Australia.
- Response of the panel members:
 - Already a lot has been done, but definitely not enough!
 - Solutions have to be identified for each country
 - The Marrakech treaty concerning books and music
 - Intergovernmental cooperation is needed.
 - We need to invest in legislation. There are resources around the world. Be vigilant.
 - PwD has to present where over technology is been decided.

Side-event, remembering Dr. Kalle Konkolla

Lunch

Round Table 2: Social Inclusion

- Antony Duttine, WHO. Child mortality, maternal mortality, HIV, three of the Millennium Goals. In some countries are the health facilities the least accessible. Rehabilitation is under-financed.

- Catalina Devandas, UN Special rapporteur. Boys and girls who are disabled often do not receive the proper medical treatment, although uncrpd sees that states provide the possibility to any necessary treatment for PwD.
- Kory Earle, Canada, People First, (Intellectual Disabilities). Self-advocates. Social inclusion is a sense of belonging, being part of the society. Being lonely is as unhealthy as smoking 40 cigarettes a day :-). Too much PwD die in hospitals for avoidable causes. Closing of institutions is needed.
- Jenny Rosa Damayanti. Indonesia. Health and social inclusion are related. In Japan more than 300.000 persons with psychosocial disabilities are in institutions. They are denied informed consent. In Indonesia needs every applicant for a civil servant job must deliver certificates he or she are not mentally ill.
- Barbados.
- Bangladesh.
- Finland. Sexual and reproductive help for PwD must be the same for everybody.
- IF. Birth 1/4 of children under 5 years are not registered, this way a lot of children with disabilities are not accounted for.
- Ireland. PwD should be in the center of the medical services, doctors, nurses etc need to be trained to interact with PwD.
- Namibia.
- UAE. They have a ministry for happiness and wellbeing.
- Users and survivors of psychiatry. No intervening against the will of the patient.
- Uzbekistan. The messages of PwD should be pronounced by PwD themselves.
- Kenya. Disability is not a health problem.
- ART 25 states the right to have children and the right not to have children.
- Communication (sign language) with medical staff is not always optimal.

Thursday 13/06

Missed General Debate, transportation too late.

Round Table Three: Inclusion of PwD in cultural life sports and recreation; the enjoyment of cultural and sports boosts the physical, psychical life.

The following questions are presented for consideration at the round-table discussion:

(a) What are the major factors to consider in order to increase the participation of persons with disabilities in the cultural, recreational, leisure and sporting life of their communities?

(b) What specific policies should be implemented and actions taken by Governments to further raise awareness among officials, the general public and persons with disabilities themselves of the importance of including all people, including persons with disabilities, in cultural life? What role can the mass media and organizations of persons with disabilities play in that regard?

(c) Why and how can appropriate governmental policies help to make cultural or sporting facilities more accessible to and inclusive of persons with disabilities?

(d) What specific measures can be taken by Governments, international organizations and civil society to increase opportunities for persons with disabilities to participate in cultural, recreational, leisure and sporting activities?

(e) How can Governments, in partnership with other stakeholders, ensure the right of persons with disabilities to take part in cultural life?

- Chinese Disability Organization. More than 10 million PwD take part in cultural activities. They find fulfillment en dignity in their life. Barriers are removed in transport and daily life.
- Qatar. They promote the rights of PwD to let them enjoy full citizenship. Websites are set up with easy access
- Ecuador, Isabel Maldonado. Their action is to foster participation to cultural life.
- Iran. Opening of a cafe run by people with Down Syndrome.
- EU. The introduction of EDC.
- Belgium. Special Olympics reaches 20.000 athletes. EDC card is already accepted by sports accommodations, theaters en museums. World accessible tourism.
- Australia. heavenly impaired person communicates through his computer.
- Munthian Buntan. CRPD cttee. Most of the countries still does not have accessible tourism. And have undersubsidized sports facilities for PwD. Asks also for the recognizing of Braille and Sign language.

- Enil. (Catherine Naughton) Ending support institutions and extending personal assistance budgets.
- Norway. In the world 50% of children with disabilities are not in school....
- WFD. Language equity for sign language.
- Georgia NHRI. The state failed to implement CRPD. Counts on the support of the international society
- NHRI umbrella organization. Talks about the vulnerability of women, children and PwD against violence.

Interactive dialogue with the United Nations system on the implementation of the Convention (item 5 (c): chaired by H.E. Ambassador Luis Gallegos, President of the Conference:

- ILO. The UN system has everything to cover the strategy.
- UNDP. Looks forward to the implementation of the strategy.
- DESA. Speech without end, stopped listening.....

Side event: Accessible Public Procurement: Making sure tax payers' money is spent inaccessibility. 16.45-18.00u.

- Katherine Eng, US Access Board. Responsible for section 508 law, an amendment in the accessibility act. Requirements are technical for ITC. When buying a laptop, creating a website accessible requirement tools are applicable. Depending of the relation to accessibility a choice is made. Trusted tester.
- Ima. Mandatory procurement requirements. All procurement that has to be used by the people or the employees has to be accessible. The procurement regulates how to buy and what not to buy. The EU AA has also a lot of requirements. Also EU standards exist and are tested. Changes has gone from paper to e-procurement.
- Alejandro. Accessibility standards are imperative to bring clarity to the users about accessibility. Accessibility is a precondition to enjoy their rights. It's a pity that an individual is not able to act against a wrong procurement, (not foreseen in the EU AA). A universal approach in procurement would be a good thing.

- Laila Verenigde, Pacific Disability Forum. There are no procurement laws or obligations in the pacific. Accessibility goes beyond the physical accessibility. Accessibility here too is a precondition to inclusion.
- Stein ERik Skotkjerra, Siteimprove. Sometimes the procurers do not know always know the accessibility standards, neither do the producers. Siteimprove is an all in one software that helps you to perfect your digital presence. Standardization is not always a guarantee for accessibility.
- ITU (International Telecommunications Union). Developed a model policy on public procurement of accessible ICTs. Have a set of online courses, called ICT accessibility.
- From the US access board, it's expected that a custom developed product should be accessible.

End of conference....