

Regional Forum on Advancing Disability-Inclusive Development

“Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world”

3 December 2021, on-line meeting

Tentative Programme

Friday, 3 December 2021	
9:00-9:30 <i>Bangkok time (UTC+7)</i>	<p>Registration</p> <p>Please join the Microsoft Teams platform to test your network connection and allow time for troubleshooting.</p>
9:30-10:15	<p>Item 1: Commemorating the 2021 International Day of Persons with Disabilities: Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Armida S. Alisjahbana, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and ESCAP Executive Secretary • Screen of video on “Shaping of Disability-Inclusive Employment” - Launch of the ESCAP 2021 <i>Disability at a Glance</i> report • Ms. María Soledad Cisternas Reyes, the UN Secretary-General’s Special Envoy on Disability and Accessibility • Madam Zhang Haidi, Chairperson of China Disabled Persons’ Federation and President of Rehabilitation International • Ms. Saowalak Thongkuay, member of CRPD Committee, Thailand • Ms. Anjlee Agarwal, Founder and Executive Director, Samarthyam; and Member, National Institution for Transforming India (NITI)-CSO Standing Committee, India • Mr. Setareki Macanawai, Chief Executive Officer, Pacific Disability Forum
10:30-12:00	<p>Item 2: Promoting inclusive quality police services for persons with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote address: Introduction of the campaign “Inclusive Quality Police Services for Persons with Disabilities” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ms. María Soledad Cisternas Reyes, the UN Secretary-General’s Special Envoy on Disability and Accessibility ❖ Mr. Kaveh Zahedi, Deputy Executive Secretary, ESCAP ❖ Presentation of the campaign video and guidelines

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel discussion: Policy and strategies to enhance inclusive quality police services for persons with disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The panel will share the good practices on inclusive quality police services, and recommend policy options and programmes at national and local levels to enhance inclusive quality police services for persons with disabilities • <u>Panel:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ms. Risnawati Utami, UN CRPD Committee Member, Indonesia ❖ Mr. Monthian Buntan, Senator and Chairperson, the Sub-Committee on Social, Children, Youth, Women, the Elderly, the Disabled and the Underprivileged Affairs ❖ Ms. Lisa Hardeman, Commander, Priority and Safer Communities Division, Victoria Police ❖ Ms. Senimelia Seru, Project Officer, Fiji Disabled People’s Federation • Questions and Answers • Moderator wrapping up the session <p><i>Moderator: Ms. Kamma, Blair, UNFPA, and Co-Coordinator of UN Disability Working Group</i></p>
12:00-13:30	Break
13:30-14:55	<p>Item 3: Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities in community projects towards a post COVID-19 world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by Dr. Srinivas Tata, Director, ESCAP Social Development Division (SDD) • Remarks by Ms. Dong Jin, Assistant to the President, Rehabilitation International • Panel discussion on progress made, outcomes achieved, and challenges faced in the implementation of the five local initiatives supported by the ESCAP project “Protecting and Empowering Persons with Disabilities in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic” • <u>Panel:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Mr. Somchai Rungsilp, Community Development Department Manager, Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability ❖ Mr. Nazmul Bari, Director, Centre for Disability in Development ❖ Mr. Wong Yoon Loong, Acting Executive Director, National Council for the Blind, Malaysia ❖ Ms. Anjlee Agarwal, Founder and Executive Director, Samarthyam ❖ Mr. Zhang Yinliang, President, Zhumadian Disabled Persons’ Federation • Questions and Answers • Moderator wrapping up the session <p><i>Moderator: Ms. Cai Cai, Chief, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion, SDD, ESCAP</i></p>
14:55-15:00	<p>Item 4: Closing</p> <p>Closing remarks by Dr. Srinivas Tata, Director, SDD</p>