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*On the occasion of CRPD COP11*

**H.E. Ms. Katalin Bogyay, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the UN**  
*Cordially invites you to a high-level panel discussion on*

**Nothing about us without us:  
Political Participation and Accessibility**

**Wednesday, June 13, 1.15-2.30 p.m.**

**Conference Room 12, United Nations Headquarters**

with

**H.E. Mr. Xavier Torres (TBC)**

*Minister of Urban Development and Housing of Ecuador*

**Mr. Ádám Kósa, PhD**

*Member of the European Parliament*

**Mr. László Lovászy, PhD**

*Member of the CRPD Committee, Hungary*

**Mr. Imre Karbuczky**

*Director, Meetings and Publishing Division,  
Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, UN*

**Ms. Barbara Kőhalmi, PhD, LL.M**

*Lawyer, National Federation of Disabled Persons' Association (MEOSZ), Hungary*

Please, register by June 7 on this link: <https://bit.ly/2IL4GZ1>





## Concept Note

*Political participation of persons with disabilities and accessibility* (Articles 29 and 9 of the CRPD Convention, respectively) are interrelated and interdependent goals of the Convention. On the one hand, advocacy and representation of interests is much more efficient and successful when a person with disability him- or herself has a role in legislation or policy-making. On the other hand, accessibility is a pre-requisite for participation in public life, with special regard to political participation.

The aim of the side event is to show how political participation of persons with disabilities can become a driving force for social inclusion through accessibility and innovation. Distinguished speakers will share their own experience in providing political impetus, along with expertise, for moving the accessibility agenda forward, and creating partnerships with civil society.

Participants will share their experience, examples of success and challenges of enabling political participation of persons with disabilities, and ways in which inclusion of disabled persons in decision-making contributes to better outcomes for the whole community.

As an outstanding example of success, the audience will learn about KONTAKT, an online video interpretation service developed with the active leadership of some of the panelists and run in partnership with organisations of persons with disabilities.

Panelists and the audience will seek answers to the following questions:

1. What are the ingredients for success in political life for persons with disabilities?
2. What are the advantages of having persons with disabilities in legislation and policy-making roles?
3. How can the UN increase accessibility on its premises, and what can Member States do in this regard?
4. What can we learn from civil society, and how to best include them in decision-making processes?

*We look forward to your participation!*

