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At the margins of the 11th Conference of States Parties to the Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities

**The Permanent Missions of Bulgaria, Colombia and Tunisia,
together with UNESCO, invite you to the side-event**

**“Empowering persons with disabilities and building inclusive societies:
Right to education, freedom of expression and access to information,
participation in and enjoyment of culture”**

**Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 1:15-2:30 pm
Conference room 7, UN Headquarters, New York**

The event will explore ways of ensuring the empowerment and inclusion of persons with disabilities in society on an equal basis with others with a special focus on the right to education, freedom of expression and access to information, as well as participation in and enjoyment of culture. Speakers will share concrete examples and best practices on mainstreaming inclusion across different sectors and ensuring the empowerment of persons with disabilities through education and employment. The event will feature also recent findings and documents on inclusive education and information accessibility issues. Recognizing the transformative power of art in creating sustainable, inclusive and resilient societies, where persons with disabilities fully realize their talent and potential, the panel will also highlight the cultural rights of persons with disabilities to participate in cultural and artistic activities.

Sign language interpretation and captioning services will be provided.

[RSVP by 8 June 2018](#)

(link to the registration for the event)

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