

Side event 12th COSP, 11-13 June 2019

Community Based Inclusive Development: Working with communities in the implementation of the CRPD and SDGs

under main theme: Ensuring the inclusion of persons with disabilities in a changing world through the implementation of the CRPD

Organiser: Permanent Mission of Austria to the UN

Co-sponsors: Permanent Missions of Ethiopia, Czech Republic, CBR Global Network, International Disability Alliance, International Disability and Development Consortium, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Zero Project.

Date, place and time: 13th of June 1:15-2:30 PM, Conference Room 6.

Format: Panel Discussion and interviews involving the audience.

Summary:

177 countries have ratified the CRPD. The Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) approach aims at CRPD implementation in communities. Working with persons with disabilities, their families and grassroot-level DPOs in "translating" the CRPD to the local level, this approach also contributes to empowerment. This side event will shed light on the CBID approach, presenting good practices from various countries.

Objectives of the side event:

By the end of the session, the audience will

- understand how the CBID approach can support the implementation of the CRPD in communities throughout the world.
- know concrete examples of challenges in implementing the CRPD in communities and understand how they can be overcome.

Agenda:

- a. **Opening words:** Austrian Permanent Representative to the UN (1-2 mins)
- b. **Introduction by the moderator:** setting the frame; introducing co-sponsors and speakers
- c. **Short inputs** by the speakers upon question of the moderator
- d. **Summary of main points and asking for short reactions** moderator
- e. **2nd question** moderator
- f. **Summary of main points and asking for short reactions** moderator
- g. **Interaction with audience**
- h. **Final round with panel and closing words** by Dominic Haslam, IDDC Board Chair.

Moderator: Pending.

Speakers:

- Ms. Farida Yesmin, CBR Global Network
- Ms. Bharagvi Davar, Transforming Communities for Inclusion of Persons with Psychosocial Disabilities, Asia-Pacific.
- Ms. Yetnebersh Nigussie, Co-chair IDDC DPO Partnership Task Group
- Mr. Martin Essl, Essl Foundation/Zero Project
- Dr. Alessandra Aresu, Co-chair IDDC Inclusive Health Task Group

Background:

Implementing the CRPD and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development does not only happen through policy making and the development of roadmaps on international and national level. When disability-inclusive policies finally reach the community, their implementation is often obstructed or delayed by various barriers. Therefore, it is essential that disability-inclusive activities are developed directly at community level.

At the 2nd Global CBR Congress in Malaysia 2016, many good practices of influencing communities towards inclusion from different countries were presented and then analysed. As a common factor, these cases showed that community development which followed a twin-track approach to inclusion – supporting persons with disabilities and their families while at the same time targeting governance structures, programming and services – was most successful. Six central elements of CBID initiatives were identified from the analysis:

1. CBID initiatives foster leadership of persons with disabilities.
2. CBID initiatives include persons with disabilities in planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating services.
3. CBID organisations foster participatory and diverse leadership.
4. CBID supports the establishing of inclusive grassroots organisations, involving families and local communities.
5. CBID initiatives work through networking and alliances.
6. Persons with disabilities are included at different levels of government and community as a result of CBID actions.

CBID is a universal model and framework for a multi-sectoral community inclusive development approach.

Websites & social media which will communicate the side event:

www.iddcconsortium.net @iddcconsortium

<http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/> @IDA_CRPD_Forum

www.light-for-the-world.org @LFTWworldwide

www.cbm.org @CBMworldwide

<https://cbrglobalnetwork.wordpress.com/> @CBRglobal

www.zeroproject.org @ZeroProjectorg