

## **Side Event at the 15<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD**

**Toward inclusive societies: Making data and statistics disability- and gender-inclusive: Launch of the 2022 Disability Data Initiative's report.**

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More than two decades after the landmark Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, the global consensus on the need to achieve gender equality is strong. In the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by Heads of States in 2015 as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, SDG 5 calls to end all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls, to ensure women's participation and equal opportunities for leadership and universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights. In that context, we need to find out if women with disabilities are left behind within their economies and societies.

In addition, there is a need to produce statistics disaggregated by disability status, related to the rights stipulated in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) that has been ratified by 184 countries. In December 2020, the UN General Assembly adopted resolution 75/154, on Inclusive development for and with persons with disabilities. The resolution reaffirmed the CRPD, as well as the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and its SDGs. Producing data and statistics on disability to monitor the CRPD and the SDGs is particularly important in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic as they are urgently needed to inform policies to build back in more inclusive ways.

The disability data initiative uses national household surveys and census data to (i) map the availability of internationally comparable disability data globally and (ii) to produce national statistics on disability inequalities and prevalence.

This side event will feature the launch of the 2022 Disability Data Report of the disability data initiative (DDI). The report documents the availability of questions on disability between 2009 and 2021 in national censuses and surveys, including in recent COVID-19 High-Frequency Phone Surveys. Thus, this Report helps inform whether Article 31 of the CRPD requiring States Parties to "collect appropriate information, including statistical and research data, to enable them to formulate and implement policies to give effect to the present Convention" is being implemented.

It also presents 32 indicators disaggregated by disability for 35 countries with MICS6 (Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey round 6). The MICS6 datasets under analysis have the Washington Group Short Set of questions on disability. This helps provide information on whether equal rights have been respected for women with disabilities as per the CRPD. This Report presents results on inequalities between women with and without disabilities regarding education,

personal activities, health, standard of living, multidimensional poverty, insecurity, and subjective wellbeing.

The moderator (**Akiko Ito**) will introduce the event. Then, Sophie Mitra and Jaclyn Yap will share an overview of the results presented in a report, data tables, country briefs and the website of the DDI. Then discussants will make some comments and then there will be an interaction with the audience in a Q&A session.

Facilitator: **Akiko Ito**, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA).

Speakers:

**Dr. Sophie Mitra and Jaclyn Yap**, Disability Data Initiative, Research Consortium on Disability, Fordham University

**Julia Constanze Braunmiller**, Private Sector Development Specialist, Women, Business and the Law project, The World Bank.

**Claudia Cappa**, UNICEF.

**Dr. Vandana Chaudhry**, is Associate Professor of Social Work, City University of New York

**Humanity and Inclusion speaker** (exact person yet TBD)

**UN Women** (Not confirmed yet)

**Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities** (Not Confirmed Yet)