



## Roadmap Out of Poverty:

### An Initiative to Promote Inclusive Economic Development and Work and Economic Empowerment Strategies for Persons with Disabilities Worldwide

Monday, December, 3, 2007  
9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations, New York  
866 UN Plaza, Suite 222

World Bank, Washington, DC  
Preston Auditorium or MC13-121

### *PROGRAM*

#### Background

One year after the United Nations approved the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), a multi-site dialogue will be simultaneously held on December 3 in Washington DC New York and Geneva, to expand the understanding of emerging strategies for reducing poverty, promoting asset building and employment for people with disabilities, and strengthening alliances for inclusive economic development. Experts from the around the world will also participate in the discussion via the Internet. This event will constitute the first stage of the Roadmap Out of Poverty Project, an 8 month initiative, which includes an e–discussion, virtual forum activities, a repository of papers and presentations on relevant topics including employment, micro-enterprise, health, education, housing, transportation, good practices, etc and a series of checklist for the implementation of Article 27 and other CRPD articles related to decent work and economic self-sufficiency for people with disabilities.

This initiative is being organized by Rehabilitation International (RI), the School of Information Science and the Burton Blatt Institute (BBI) at Syracuse University and the Global Applied Disability Research and Information Network (GLADNET). The virtual dialogue on December 3 is co-sponsored by the World Bank, International Labour Organization in Washington, DC, and the Mission of Finland to the United Nations in New York.

## Agenda

The meeting will take place from 9.00 to 12.30 (US Eastern time).

08.30 – 09.00	Technical assistance for connection	
09.00 – 09.15	Welcome by Ambassador Gallegos	10 min
	Statement by Sheikha Hissa Al-Thani, UN Special Rapporteur on Disability	5 min
09.15 – 10.30	<b>First Panel</b> (Moderator: Susanne Bruyere)	5 min
	<b>Presenters:</b>	
	Simon Walker & Adriana Zarraluqui (OHCHR)	10 min
	Charlotte McClain-Nhlapo (World Bank)	10 min
	Thomas Schindlmayr (UN DESA)	10 min
	<b>Respondents:</b>	
	Asha Hans (Shanta Memorial Rehabilitation Centre, India)	5 min
	John Eriksen (NOVA, Norway)	5 min
	Prof. Peter Blanck (BBI)	5 min
	Mr.Vorn Samphors (Disability Action Council, Cambodia)	5 min
	<b>Interactive Dialogue</b>	20 min
10:30-10:45	<b>Break</b>	15 min
10.45 – 12:00	<b>Second Panel</b> (Moderator: William Myhill)	5 min
	<b>Presenters:</b>	
	Armand Pereira, ILO	10 min
	Susanne Bruyere (GLADNET, Cornell University)	10 min
	Kalle Konkkola (GPDD)	10 min
	<b>Respondents:</b>	
	Stig Larsson (RI Work and Employment Commission)	5 min
	Sebenzile Matsebula (RI South Africa)	5 min
	Charles Becker (Duke University)	5 min
	Dr. Elly Macha (AFUB)	5 min
	<b>Interactive Dialogue</b>	20 min
12:00 – 12.30	<b>Discussion Conclusions and Summary</b>	
	Maria Reina (BBI) & Tomas Lagerwall (Secretary General, RI)	20 min
	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	
	Joy Phumaphi (HDN Vice President, World Bank)	10 min

## Panel Overview

### First Panel: "Legal and Policy Framework"

*Moderator Susanne Bruyere, GLADNET, Cornell University*

#### Objective:

Analyze the international legal framework and policies and procedures that promote inclusion in the work place, participation in economic development activities and a better economic status for people with disabilities.

#### **Presenters (10 minutes each):**

Adriana Zarraluqui and Simon Walker OHCHR, Geneva

Charlotte McClain-Nhlapo

World Bank, US

Thomas Schindlmayr

UN DESA

#### **Respondents (5 minutes):**

Asha Hans

Shanta Memorial Rehabilitation Centre, India

John Ericksen

NOVA, Norway

Peter Blanck

BBI, Syracuse University, USA

Mr. Vorn Samphors

Disability Action Council, Cambodia

Interactive Dialogue (20') – all participants are welcome to make a comment or post a question

**Guiding Questions:** • What are the main provisions of Article 27? • How can we utilize the UN Convention to advocate for the right to employment for persons with disabilities? • How can we promote more inclusive development policies and activities regarding employment of persons with disabilities at national level? • How can we advance the economic status of individuals with disabilities through public policy?

### Second Panel: "Challenges to be overcome and best practices to meet the intent of Article 27"

*Moderator William Myhill, BBI, Syracuse University*

#### Objective:

Provide different perspectives on decent work for people with disabilities including factors such as inclusive development, asset building, education, and concomitant challenges. Also discuss proven strategies to bring people with disabilities into diverse employment sectors and advance their economic self-sufficiency

**Presenters (10 minutes):**

Armand Pereira  
Susanne Bruyere  
Kalle Konkkola

ILO, US  
GLADNET, Cornell University, US  
Global Partnership for Disability and  
Development, Finland

**Respondents (5 minutes):**

Stig Larsson

RI Work and Employment Commission,  
Sweden

Sebensile Matsebula

RI Africa

Charles Becker

Duke University, US

Dr. Elly Macha

African Union of the Blind (AFUB), Kenya

**Interactive Dialogue (20')****Guiding Questions:**

- What are the main factors affecting employment and a better economic future for people with disabilities and how can we address these barriers?
- How do you measure barriers to employment and self-sufficiency?
- Who are the main stakeholders and what are their roles?
- How do people with disabilities participate in the informal economy and what does this mean for the overall picture of employment?
- What are the proven strategies to bring people with disabilities into diverse employment sectors and advance their economic self-sufficiency?
- How can individuals with disabilities become part of an ownership society?