

Interventions for Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities Wednesday July 13th

HLPF: 10:00AM-11:30AM: Intervention by Mohamed Ali Loufty
Creating ownership at the national level
Conference room 4, UN building

Intervention:

"We, persons with disabilities, know that to sign up to an international commitment is one thing; to implement it at national level is much more challenging. We have seen this with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Persons with disabilities consider that the 2030 Agenda opened doors for their participation and recognises us as active contributing members of society: who must not be left out or behind. How can national governments reach out to include the furthest behind in the implementation process of the SDGs, what kind of consultation mechanism should be put in place that is accessible for persons with disabilities?"

HLPF 11:30AM-1:00AM: Intervention by Mosharraf Hossain
Mainstreaming SDGs into national policies, plans and strategies and integrating the three dimensions of sustainable development
Conference room 4, UN building

Intervention:

"The principle of 'leave no one behind' means bringing marginalised groups into the mainstream of all development policies. Their rights can no longer be seen as niche issues. This calls for a new approach to forming national policies, plans and strategies. How can we ensure that national policies, plans and strategies live up to the SDGs' ambitions on 'leave no one behind', by mainstreaming the rights of marginalised groups, such as the inclusion and rights of persons with disabilities, across all three dimensions of sustainable development? "

HLPF: 3:00PM - 4:30PM: Intervention by Lauro Purcil
Vertical cooperation – local authorities and national governments working together for implementation of the 2030 Agenda
Conference room 4, UN building

Intervention:

"Many disability-inclusive SDG commitments fall naturally within the remit of local authorities - for example, the commitments in SDG 11 on inclusive human settlements. Yet there is a risk that local authorities will not be adequately funded and supported to deliver on these commitments. What can be done to empower local authorities to deliver on the SDG commitments, including commitments on disability?"

HLPF: 4:30PM-6:00PM: Intervention by Abdelmajid Makni

Challenges in mobilizing means of implementation at national level: financing, technology, capacity building

Intervention:

"If persons with disabilities are not to be left behind, dedicated financial resources will be needed. The Addis Ababa Action Agenda sets out responsibilities to provide these resources, yet in many countries budgetary allocations for disability are extremely low or even non-existent. How can we ensure that the FFD and SDG follow up and review processes hold governments to account for meeting their responsibilities to finance 'leave no one behind'?"