

General Assembly High-Level Meeting on the Realization of MDGs and other IADGs for Persons with Disabilities

**“The way forward: a disability-inclusive development agenda
towards 2015 and beyond”**

**23 September 2013, General Assembly Hall (NLB)
United Nations Headquarters, New York**

PROGRAMME

9.00 to 10 a.m.: Opening Plenary

The Opening Plenary will feature statements from the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Chair of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; an eminent person actively engaged in disability issues and a representative of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

Speaking order as follows:

- (1) H.E. Mr. John William Ashe, President of the 68th session of the General Assembly
- (2) H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations
- (3) Ms. Maria Soledad Cisternas Reyes, Chair of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- (4) Mr. Stevie Wonder, Award-winning songwriter and musician, United Nations Messenger of Peace
- (5) Mr. Yannis Vardakastanis, President of the European Disability Forum

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Roundtable 1: International and regional cooperation and partnerships for disability inclusive development

Co – Chairs:

- (1) His Excellency Mr. Arsenio Balisacan, Minister of Socioeconomic Planning of Philippines
- (2) His Excellency Mr. José Manuel-Margallo
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain

Interventions from the floor from Member States, observers and representatives of entities of the United Nations system, selected representatives of civil society, organizations of persons with disabilities and the private sector

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- (1) Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Deputy Executive Director, UN Women

Civil Society

- (1) Ms. Robinah Alambuya, World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry
- (2) Ms. Maria Veronica Reina, Global Partnership on Disability and Development

Private Foundation

- (1) Ms. Shanu SP Hinduja, Chairperson, Hinduja Foundation U.S.

1.00 to 3.00 p.m.: LUNCH BREAK

3.00 to 5.30 p.m.: Roundtable 2: The post-2015 development agenda and inclusive development for persons with disabilities

Co – Chairs:

- (1) Her Excellency Ms. Heidi Hautala
Minister for International Development of Finland
- (2) His Excellency Dr. Khalil Zaouia
Minister of Social Affairs of Tunisia

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- (1) Mr. Hongbo Wu, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- (2) Ms. Navi Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
- (3) Ms. Margaret Chan, Director-General, WHO

Civil Society

- (1) Ms. Loretta Clairborne, Special Olympics International
- (2) Ms. Rima Canawati, Arab Society for Rehabilitation

5.30 to 6.00 p.m.: Closing Plenary

- (1) Presentation by co-chairs of summaries of round table discussions
- (2) Statement by the Deputy Secretary-General
- (3) Closing remarks by the President of the General Assembly
