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HABITAT III
STAKEHOLDERS ROUNDTABLE

Persons with Disabilities Roundtable¹

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Title: Urbanization as Catalyst for Disability Inclusive Development

Based on many decades of the United Nation's work to advance the status of persons with disabilities and since the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in 2006, the commitment to disability-inclusive development has been further strengthened at international, national, and local levels in a variety of ways. For the estimated one billion persons with disabilities across the world, towns, and cities often present a combination of physical, environmental, and social barriers to facilities and public services. Poor planning and unregulated urban development can have particularly devastating consequences for persons with disabilities.

The New Urban Agenda is an action-oriented document which sets global standards for sustainable urban development. Rethinking the way we build, manage, and live in cities has provided an historic opportunity to advance disability-inclusive development, and to achieve the goal of the United Nations in the field of disability: the full and effective participation of persons with disabilities as beneficiaries and agents for transformative changes in society and development. This needs to be further explored in the context of urbanization. It requires that the rights, concerns, and perspectives of persons with disabilities to be fully taken account, and that national governments, development partners, and all other stakeholders engage in specific action to effect the inclusive and accessible urban development for all.

Objectives of the Roundtable

- Improve the overall participation and engagement of persons with disabilities in the implementation and monitoring of the New Urban Agenda.
- Recommend and implement measures to enhance the participation of persons with disabilities in the New Urban Agenda and broaden disability-inclusive development initiatives through an expanded use of accessible information and communication technologies to enable enhanced and diversified physical and virtual participation.

¹ In collaboration with the coordinating Partner Constituency Group: Persons with Disabilities, General Assembly of Partners (GAP). More information on the GAP Executive Committee is available [here](#), and the GAP contribution to the Habitat III process and the New Urban Agenda, "Partnerships for the New Urban Agenda," can be read online [here](#).

- Recommend and implement strategies to engage national, regional, and local authorities, civil society and other stakeholders in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda to ensure that all stages of urban development are inclusive and accessible for persons with disabilities.
- Ensure that the implementation of the New Urban Agenda is consistent with and supportive of other major global initiatives related to persons with disabilities such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+10), and the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WDDR)

Guiding Questions

- What are the actions and measures that national and local authorities, civil society, and other stakeholders have been or will be engaged to ensure that all stages of urban development are inclusive and accessible for persons with disabilities.
- What are the (possible) obstacles and barriers of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda related to disability-inclusive urban development? And how should we tackle these obstacles and barriers?
- What efforts can be made to expand the current global network on disability-inclusive and accessible urban development, to engage more governmental and non-governmental agencies, experts from academia and practice, and the private sector?
- What else we can do to improve the implementation of the New Urban Agenda related to disability-inclusive development, especially in the areas of policy design and implementation, monitoring, and global networks?

Format of the Session:

This Stakeholders' Roundtable will be organized as a "facilitated dialogue" to bring together policy makers, experts and other stakeholders to discuss key technical issues related to urbanization as a catalyst for disability inclusive and accessible urban development. The discussion will take place against the backdrop of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the 2030 Development Agenda.

The Roundtable will begin with welcoming comments and a keynote speaker who will set the scene for the facilitated dialogue. The moderator will then invite each panelist to give one-minute introduction of their work. Panelists will be asked a series of "big thinker" questions related to the theme: inclusive, accessible, and sustainable urban development for persons with disabilities as well as strategies for implementing the New Urban Agenda. The moderator will actively engage participants (in person or virtually) in dialogue.

Moderator


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Silvia has been working in the field of ageing for nearly 20 years. An advocate for the human rights of older persons, she focuses on violence, elder abuse and the intersection of gender, disability and ageing. She organizes events at the UN and the Human Rights Council in Geneva, participates in numerous panels and conferences.

At the World Health Organization, Silvia designed and coordinated the first multi-country study on elder abuse and co-wrote the resulting publication "Missing Voices, views of older persons on elder abuse". Silvia also launched the "Toronto Declaration on the Global Prevention of Elder Abuse" and published "Discussing Screening for Elder Abuse at Primary Health Care Level" (2008). At the Union for International Cancer Control she led a study on the organizational capacity of patient groups and produced the first international film festival on cancer.

She was born in Argentina and has lived, studied and worked in England, Israel, Hungary and Switzerland. She has a B.A. in social and educational theatre from Tel Aviv University and an MSc in Inter-professional Practice (health sciences, society violence and practice) from City University, London.

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Proposed Roundtable Agenda

1. Welcome & Introduction: Ambassador Gallegos (10 min)
2. Opening comments by Roundtable Participants (10 min)
3. 1st Round of questions to the roundtable (30 min)
4. 1st Round of Moderated Q&A with the audience (15 min)
5. 2nd Round of questions to the roundtable (30 min)
6. 2nd Round of Moderated Q&A with the audience (15 min)
7. 3rd Round of questions to the roundtable (10min)
8. Responses and Closing Comments (10min)





Remote Participation

The Institute for Disability and Public Policy, as supported by the Nippon Foundation, will be providing remote participation for those who cannot be in Quito for the roundtable.

To Participate simply visit the link to join the virtual room:

<http://tinyurl.com/h3-pwd-roundtable>

Closed captions available once inside the virtual room.

