

INVITATION TO WEBINAR

WHEN: FRIDAY 17 APRIL 2020 TIME: 10 AM EST | 4 PM CET

Persons with Disabilities and COVID-19: How to Ensure Inclusion and Participation

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Please register by Wednesday 15 April, 5.00PM EST

The Permanent Mission of Ecuador in its capacity of Chair of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the World Health Organization, Office of the United Nations High-Commissioner for Human Rights, and the International Disability Alliance will hold a virtual briefing session to hear from UN disability rights experts, persons with disabilities and their representative organizations and governments on the ongoing health crisis from a disability inclusive perspective.

This session aims to facilitate a conversation between various stakeholders in order to clearly identify main challenges faced by persons with disabilities with the global pandemic, and also introduce some practical CRPD-compliant solutions and strategies to address those challenges.

Agenda

Moderation: Gopal Mitra, UN Disability Inclusion Strategy team

- **Introductory remarks.** Ambassador Luis Gallegos, Chair of the CRPD COSP
- **Overview of the UN response, World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines.** WHO DG or Executive Director emergency response (TBC)
- **Overview of the situation on the ground - discrimination and challenges faced by persons with disabilities in accessing healthcare services in response.** Vladimir Cuk, Executive Director, International Disability Alliance
- **Practical tips and suggestions for governments to ensure CRPD compliant COVID-19 response.** Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- **Questions & answers** (please also send your questions in advance through registration)

International Sign and Captioning will be provided