THE EFFECT OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

WEBINAR SERIES
VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

28 May 2020 @ 8am EST/ 2pm CET/ 9pm JST

This webinar is free-of-charge and open to all participants after registration on the Zoom platform.
THURSDAY, 28 MAY 2020
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2:00 - 2:20 – Welcome remarks and presentation by the moderator
Situational COVID-19 overview

Mr. Alex Mejia, Director of the Division for People and Social Inclusion at UNITAR, Editor-in-Chief of UN Today Magazine

2:20 - 2:40 – Opening Statements

Amb. Luis Gallegos, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations in New York, Member of the BOT of UNITAR
• The Global Response to the human crisis: the moment of global solidarity by, for and with persons with disabilities

Ms. Ana María Menéndez, UN Secretary-General’s Senior Advisor on Policy, EOSG, United Nations
• United Nations Initiative for a Disability-Inclusive Response to COVID-19

2:50 - 3:00 – Prof. Takashi Izutsu, the University of Tokyo KOMEX
• Normative Frameworks on Disability Inclusion in Emergency Settings and Building Back Better: From the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to the SDGs

3:00 - 3:10 – Mr. Gopal Mitra, Senior Social Affairs Officer, Disability Team, EOSG, United Nations
• Overview and key messages: Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action

3:10 - 3:20 – Mr. Axel Leblois, President of G3ict
• Promoting Accessibility in the Digital Age toward an inclusive and accessible post COVID-19 World

3:20 - 3:30 – Ms. Abia Akram, Global Chair, Global Youth Council UNICEF-NY, Co-Coordinator, Asia Pacific Women with Disabilities United and Coordinator, South Asia Disability and Development Initiative (SADDI) Project
• Inclusion of women and girls with disabilities in the COVID-19 response and recovery

3:30 - 3:40 – Ms. Jennifer Ibbotson, PT, Nepal Rehabilitation Coordinator, Samaritan’s Purse Canada
• Overview on why COVID-19 particularly affects persons with disabilities

3:40 - 3:50 – Dr. Bikash Adhikari, Executive Director of Sundar Dhoka Saathi Sewa (SDSS)
• Including marginalized populations in health care systems during COVID-19

3:50 - 4 – Moderated Q & A session and closing remarks