

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY CONFERENCE



**Trusteeship Council Chamber
United Nations Headquarters
New York, United States**

Wednesday 21 March 2018

10am-6pm

“What I bring to the workplace”

***Enabling all people with Down syndrome to contribute and live valued working lives, to
be fully included in the community***

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CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS



LOUIS VUITTON

Parents of Children with Down Syndrome "Sunterra"

Libyan Down Syndrome Association

Down Syndrome Association Mongolia

PROGRAMME

10:00am – 10:45am

Official opening, with speakers from co-sponsoring UN Member States and agencies across the UN system.

10:45am – 1:00pm

Representatives from Down syndrome/disability employment focused organisations will share varied, effective employment programmes and best practice. This session will include perspectives from employees and employers, considering positive impact, challenges and strategies. Participants will include:

- **Bruce Uditsky** – Inclusion Alberta, Canada (*panel moderator*)
- **Glòria Canals/Maria Cabre** – Foundation Aura, Spain
- **José María Batalla** – La Casa de Carlota, Spain
- **Veronica Mulenga** – WorkFit, United Kingdom
- **James Trout/Tom Sewell** – Environment Agency, United Kingdom
- **Paola Vulterini** – ValueAble, Italy
- **Gün Bilgin** – Down Turkiye, Turkey
- **Tulay Bourne/Robert Cem Osborne** – Hilton Hotels, Turkey
- **Debra Ruh/Sara Ruh** – Ruh Global Communications, United States (*panel moderator*)
- **Sara Weir** – NDSS, United States
- **Carlo Frappoli** – JP Morgan Asset Management, United States
- **Blake Pyron** – Blake's Snow Shack, United States
- **Anna Fajcher/Monika Zakrzewska** – Poland

3:00pm – 5:15pm

This session will bring together employers from small, medium and large organisations, some employing people with disabilities, others considering, to engage in an open dialogue. They will look at benefits and challenges companies face and exchange practices. Participants will include employers from the morning session, plus:

- **Carlos Carriedo** – Nespresso, Spain
- **Bruce Barket** – Barket Marion, United States
- **Peter Saville/Andy Constable** – Alix Partners, United Kingdom
- **Tommy Flynn/Chad Pereira** – Rabobank, United Kingdom
- **Jim Owens** – HB Fuller, United States
- **Mark Johnson** – Toys R Us, United States
- **Heather Lavalley** – Voya Financial, United States
- **Jonathan Tabasky** – Manion, Gaynor & Manning, United States
- **Ben Drew** – Open Future Learning, United States (*panel moderator*)
- **Fredda Rosen** – Job Path, United States (*panel moderator*)

5:15pm – 5:45pm (close)

Considering the key messages for potential employers of people with Down syndrome and disabilities. Overcoming challenges and building on positive stories. How to globally promote the meaningful contributions people with Down syndrome make to the workplace to bring about positive change. Earlier participants will take part, plus:

- **Beth Haller** – Global Alliance for Disability in Media and Entertainment, United States (*panel moderator*)

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