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# THE EFFECT OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

REDUCING BARRIERS DURING THE PANDEMIC



This webinar is free-of-charge and open to all participants after registration on the **Zoom** platform

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

# THURSDAY, 28 MAY 2020

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**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



**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



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

