Concept note

Promote democratic participation, ensure inclusive elections

Side event at the 16th Conference of State Parties to the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

**Time:** Wednesday 14th of June 11:30-12:45  
**Place:** Conference room 6, United Nations Headquarters, New York  
**Webstream:** will provided via this page: [Promote democratic participation, ensure inclusive elections | Side Events - UNDESA Division for Inclusive Social Development | Teamup](#)  
Live captioning is provided.

**Content**

In this side event, knowledge, policy and practical examples of how to reach equality within the area of democratic participation will be discussed. One focus will be on the preparation for and organization of elections.

The event is hosted by the Permanent Mission of Norway to the UN, co-hosted by the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the UN and sponsored by the European Disability Forum, Inclusion International and Down Syndrome International.

**Speakers**

State Secretary Gry Haugsbakken, Norwegian Ministry of Culture and Equality  
Ambassador Magnus Lennartsson, Deputy Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations  
Abir Al-Sahlani, Swedish Member of the European Parliament  
Siri Espe, The Norwegian Association of Youth with Disabilities  
Malin Ekman Aldén, Swedish Agency for Participation  
Alejandro Moledo, European Disability Forum  
Dewlyn Lobo, President, People First Canada, Inclusion International  
Bridget Snedden, President, Down Syndrome International  
Emma Bishop, Self-advocate, Down Syndrome International

**Moderator:** Charlotte McClain-Nhlapo, Global Disability Adviser, World Bank Group