Conference of State Parties (COSP17) – Side Event Proposal

Inclusive Employment meets Artificial Intelligence

The imminent integration of artificial intelligence (AI) is poised to significantly influence the inclusive employment landscape within both corporate and public sectors. For individuals with disabilities, this transformative shift presents a dual prospect: on one hand, AI holds the promise of generating novel job opportunities and enhancing accessibility to vital information and training resources. Conversely, there exists a palpable risk of perpetuating entrenched discriminatory practices, such as biased assessment and hiring procedures, as well as the emergence of new forms of exclusion. Within this session, esteemed experts and practitioners will convene to deliberate on strategies for harnessing AI-driven opportunities while mitigating potential pitfalls, thereby fostering a more equitable and inclusive job market.

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- Essl Foundation - Zero Project

Duration: 75 minutes
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024
Time: 11:30 am – 12:45 pm EST

COSP17 Format: In-person event that will be recorded for on-demand viewing at COSP17

Title of event: Inclusive Employment meets Artificial Intelligence

Moderator: Michael Fembek, CEO, Zero Project
Speakers:

1. **Ambassador Alexander Marschik**, Permanent Representative of Austria to the UN: WELCOME AND OPENING

2. **Michael Fembek**, CEO of the Zero Project: MODERATION
   
   Michael will present a brief introduction to AI and the relevance for persons with disabilities through a brief video that features David Banes, Hector Minto, Susan Scott Parker, and Georg Kapsch

3. **Jürgen Menze**, Work and Disability Expert, ILO Global Business and Disability Network manager, Switzerland

4. **Inmaculada Placencia Porrero**, European Commission, Senior Expert in Disability and Inclusion, Belgium

5. **Michael Ashley Stein**, Professor on Disability Law, Harvard University, United States

6. **Rylin Rodgers**, Disability Policy Advisor, Microsoft, United States

Format, Accessibility and technology notes:

The event will be in-person, streamed live via UN Webcast TV, as well as recorded for on-demand screening later on. On-screen captions will be provided for the in-person audience. International Sign interpretation will be provided on-site and online as well.

Itinerary:

11:25 - **Arrival of guests**

   Room: CR-12
   405 E 42nd St, New York, NY 10017, United States

11:30 - **Introductory Remarks, Host**

   - **H.E. Ambassador Alexander Marschik**, Head, Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations
Panel Discussion moderated by Michael Fembek | Speaker intervention of seven minutes each

1. Ambassador Alexander Marschik, Permanent Representative of Austria to the UN: WELCOME AND OPENING

Panel interventions

12:30 Q&A (if time available)

12:45 End of event