

On the occasion of the 17th session of the Conference of the State Parties to the CRPD

UN ESCWA, The Leprosy Mission, and
the Permanent Mission of Malta to the UN

Invite you to attend a side event on

The right to work and employment for persons with disabilities in Low and Middle Income Countries: lessons from the front line and what this means for states, the UN and civil society

In partnership with UN ESCWA and the Permanent Mission of Malta to the UN, The Leprosy Mission are hosting a COSPI7 side event that seeks to provide insights into securing the right to work and employment for persons with disability in low and middle income countries.

We will learn about the practical challenges that persons with disabilities face in accessing livelihoods, consider how to ensure women are not excluded from economic empowerment programming, and hear from OPDs about the role they must play in the programming of governments and CSOs.

We hope the lessons and practical steps from our speakers will provide a greater understanding of how we can ensure the rights to work and employment that are enshrined within the CRPD.

Keynote speaker:

Ms Heba Hagrass, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Chair:

Mr Mathias Duck (Paraguay), Global Advocacy Lead, The Leprosy Mission International

Panellists:

Dr Salma Al-Nims, UN ESCWA (Economic & Social Commission for Western Asia)

Mr Amar Timalcina, (Nepal) The Leprosy Mission and IDEA

Dr Elvira Psaila, Services Manager, Aġenzija Sapport (Malta)

Mr Stefan Tromel, Senior Disability Specialist, International Labour Organization

Ms Robinah Alambuya, President of Transforming Communities for Inclusion (TCI, Uganda)