10th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the UNCRPD
COSP-10 Side Event

Making Disability Rights Real: Implementing the CRPD through Regional Cooperation with Lessons Learned from ASEAN

Tuesday, 13 June 2017, 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Conference Room 11
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Organizers: Institute on Disability and Public Policy, American University and The Nippon Foundation

Co-Sponsors: The Permanent Mission of Senegal; Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; UNDESA/DSPD; Global Initiative for Inclusive Information and Communication Technologies, Institute for Human Rights, University of Alabama at Birmingham; UNESCAP (TBC).

Overview:
As many as 650 million people with disabilities live in the Asia-Pacific Region (UNESCAP, 2013). UNESCAP has led three Decades on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific, and is currently leading the “Make the Right Real” campaign. In Southeast Asia, ASEAN has also developed meaningful regional frameworks for addressing the rights of persons with disabilities and CRPD implementation, including the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action Towards an Inclusive, Barrier-Free and Rights-Based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific. The side event highlights the new book Making Disability Rights Real in Southeast Asia: Implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in ASEAN (Rowman & Littlefield, 2017). The book evaluates implications of CRPD implementation for human rights and socio-economic development in ASEAN, offers cross-case comparisons, and lessons learned for regional cooperation to make disability rights real across the world.

Program and Speakers:
Chair: Ambassador Fode Seck, Permanent Mission of Senegal
Welcome: Akiko Ito, UNDESA, DSPD/SCRPD
Moderator: Dr. Filippo Trevisan, Assistant Professor and Deputy Director, IDPP, American University
Opening Remarks: Dr. Derrick L. Cogburn, Associate Professor and Executive Director, IDPP, American University, Making Disability Rights Real in Southeast Asia: Lessons Learned for Regional Cooperation
Dr. Tina Kempin Reuter, Associate Professor and Director, Institute for Human Rights, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Disability Rights as Human Rights: Implications for Regional Cooperation
Mr. John Paul “Pong” Cruz, Senior Analyst, G3ICT (virtual), CRPD Implementation in the Philippines
Liza Sekaggya, Office of the UN Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner, Promoting Regional Cooperation Between International and Regional Human Rights Mechanisms in Implementing the CRPD
Ms. Aissatou Cisse, Advisor to the President on Senegal on Disability, Cooperation in the Africa Region on CRPD Implementation and the Sustainable Development Goals
Dr. Derrick L. Cogburn, Launching the IDPP CRPD IOS Mobile App