



On the occasion of the 15th session of the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD

**Disabled Peoples' International
&
Sasakawa Health Foundation**

In partnership with
**Permanent Mission of Japan, Centre for Disability in Development (CDD), and National Centre for
Promotion of Employment for Persons with Disabilities (NCPEDP)**

invite you to attend the side-event on

***“Inclusion of Invisible and Neglected Disabilities (Leprosy) in Climate-
change Action and Disaster Risk Reduction for a Sustainable and
Resilient Future”***

**Date: Thursday, 16th June, 2022
Time: 8:30 to 9:45 AM (EST-New York)**

Register here to get the link to the side-event (webinar):

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_n5Fz2ZPgQTuvy_abrk4yqg

Highlighting the need for participatory approaches and inclusion of persons with disabilities in the development process, the side-event aims to build awareness on the needs and inclusion of invisible and neglected disabilities, such as Leprosy, to ensure that State Parties recognize a diversity of disabilities and provide them with equal access and opportunities as other mainstream disabilities under the national laws in compliance with the UNCRPD. The side-event aims to identify policy gaps and implementation challenges, confront barriers that prevents participation of the disability community particularly persons affected by Leprosy, as well as identify opportunities for optimizing a disability inclusive disaster risk reduction through lived experiences and examples of good practices of inclusion within the disaster risk management and climate-related decision-making at local, national, regional and global levels guided by the principle of 'Leave No One Behind'!

PROGRAMME:

- **Welcome Address & Moderator:** Mr. Arman Ali, National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Persons with Disabilities (DPI India)
- **Keynote Address:** Dr. Mr. Floyd Morris, Member, UNCRPD Committee
- **Special Message:** Ms. Alice Cruz, UN Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by Leprosy and their families
- **Testimony from person affected by Leprosy:** Mr. Dinesh Basnet, President, IDEA Nepal
- **Panel Discussion:**
 - *Perspective from the disability and leprosy sector:*
 - Dr. Sruti Mohapatra, Vice Chairperson, DPI India and Founder and Director, Swabhiman, India
 - Ms. Lilibeth Evarestus, Legal Practitioner and National Coordinator, Purple Hope Initiative, Nigeria
 - Ms. Ipul Powaseu, Disability Rights Activist, PhD Scholar at Deakin University, De, Former Chairperson, Papua New Guinea National Assembly of Disabled People (DPI PNG)
 - *Perspective from supporting organizations:*
 - Dr. Takahiro Nanri, Executive Director, Sasakawa Health Foundation, Japan (policy level)
 - Mr. Nazmul Bari, Director, Centre for Disability in Development (CDD), Bangladesh (programme level)
- **Q&A**
- **Closing Remarks:** H.E. Ambassador Mr. Kimura Tetsuya, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations

(Event will be hosted in English. Captioning and Sign Language Interpretation will be provided.)