



## Side-Event to the 12<sup>th</sup> session of the COSP-CRPD “Ensuring inclusion of persons with disabilities in a changing world: the role of sports and culture”

12<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 h. 1:15 – 2:30 pm  
United Nations Headquarters, Conference Room 6

### CONCEPT NOTE

Article 30 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) recognizes the right of persons with disabilities to take part on an equal basis with others in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport, acknowledging that their active participation in sport and cultural activities contributes to the full and equal realization of their human rights, as well as to the respect for their inherent dignity, in line with the human rights-based approach to disability outlined in the CRPD.

Against this background, the side-event will focus on the full participation in sports and cultural activities of persons with disabilities, especially persons with mental and intellectual disabilities and on the autism spectrum, showcasing concrete examples of governments' strategies and policies focused on promoting participation of persons with disabilities in those activities and, chiefly, the benefits of interaction and synergies between governments and civil society organisations to this goal.

The added value of the event will also lie in bringing to the UN direct experience from the field and good practices of non-governmental organisations and associations with a life-long commitment to involve persons with disabilities in sports and cultural activities, such as Qatar Foundation for Social Work, Fundación Dominicana de Autismo, Progetto Filippide, Teatro Patologico and Inter Campus.

The event will finally serve the purpose of raising awareness on the human rights of persons with disabilities and on their full inclusion in all activities of the society, in accordance with the saying “Nothing about us without us”.



## PROGRAMME

- 1.15: Welcoming remarks by the moderator, Ms. **Robert Venne**, Division For Inclusive Social Development, DESA
- 1.20: H.E. **Stefano Stefanile**, Chargé d’Affaires a.i. of Italy
- 1.25: H.E. **Valentin Rybakov**, Permanent Representative of Belarus
- 1.30: H.E. **Carlos Michelen**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Dominican Republic
- 1.35: H.E. **Richard Galbavý**, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic
- 1.40: Ms. **Najat Al-Abdulla**, Director of the Department of Family Affairs, Ministry of Administrative Development, Labor and Social Affairs of Qatar
- 1.45: Mr. **Nicola Pintus**, President of “Progetto Filippide”
- 1.50: Projection of video on sports and autism
- 1.55: Dr. **Pina Drullar Heinsenber**, Fundación Dominicana de Autismo
- 2.00: Mr. **Dario D’Ambrosi**, President of “Teatro Patologico”
- 2.05: Mr. **Omar El Sayed**, Project Manager, Inter Campus
- 2.10: Q&A
- 2.30: Conclusions

*A light lunch will be served from 12:45 in the area adjacent the Vienna Café*

*CART captioning service will be available*