**Global Disability Summit Side Event-Concept Note**

**Side Event Title:**

***Forging Gender Equal, Just and Inclusive Societies: A multi-stakeholder perspective on promoting gender transformative and inclusive development***

**Date: *17th February 2022, 11:30 am EST (New York time) (1 hr 15 mins)***

**Register in advance:**

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**Name of the hosting organization(s):** UN Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Multi-Partner Trust Fund (UNPRPD MPTF), UN Women, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Disability Rights Fund (DRF)/ Disability Rights Advocacy Fund (DRAF), Global Forum on the Leadership of Women with Disabilities

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**Description of the event, aims or objectives:**

Women and girls with disabilities face significantly more difficulties - in both public and private spheres – in accessing services, ensuring participation, and in achieving economic empowerment and security, and are at higher risk of violence than women without disabilities. In addition, women with disabilities are underrepresented in decision-making processes and in civil society, including women’s organizations and OPDs. As a result, their voices and requirements are often not included in policies, programs, or processes to achieve women’s rights, disability rights, or the achievement of Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

GLAD members are committed to promoting gender transformative and inclusive programming to promote inclusive and just societies in line with CRPD, especially Article 6 and the CRPD Committee’s General Comment No. 3 on women and girls with disabilities.

This event will bring together diverse voices and experiences of GLAD members with the aim to achieve the following:

* Highlight the importance of the implementation and monitoring of the GDS commitments from a gender transformative lens.
* Showcase different systemic and programmatic approaches to advancing the leadership, participation and rights of women and girls with disabilities from a gender transformative lens
* Showcase perspectives of organizations of women with disabilities on the realization of GDS commitments
* Highlight synergies and flag gaps for realization of future GDS commitments between GLAD members as well as among the disability and women’s rights movement.

**Co-sponsors:**

GLAD Gender Equality Working Group

Open Society Foundations

**Speakers**:

The panel will be comprised by speakers sharing global perspectives on gender transformative programming and voices from the field showcasing promising practices, lessons learned, gaps and opportunities.

* Dr. Ola Abualghaib, Head of the Technical Secretariat, UN Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Multi-Partner Trust Fund- Opening Remarks and Moderation.
* Ms. Krista Orama, Senior Adviser, Gender Equality, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland sharing thoughts on gender transformative programming.
* Dr. Monjurul Kabir, UN Coordination Advisor and Team Leader, Gender Equality and Disability Inclusion, UN Women highlighting different systemic, policy and programmatic approaches to advancing the leadership, participation and rights of women and girls with disabilities from a gender transformative lens with a focus on potential GDS commitments.
* Ms. Abia Akram, Coordinator, Global Forum on the Leadership of Women with Disabilities speaking on the leadership of women with disabilities in the implementation of normative frameworks and GDS commitments and partnerships between the women’s rights and disability rights movements.
* Ms. Elisa Ravengai, Disability Inclusion Specialist, Federation of Organizations of Disabled People in Zimbabwe (FODPZ) sharing experiences on multi-stakeholder programming targeting policies and systems to advance gender equality especially at country level supporting the implementation of the GDS commitments.
* Ms. Amanda McRae, Director of UN Advocacy, Women Enabled International, highlighting key considerations for the implementation of the GDS commitments from a gender transformative lens, building the leadership of women with disabilities and opportunities for bringing together the disability and women’s rights movements

**Accessibility provisions:**

The event will be held in English with International Sign and Closed Captioning offered

**Platform:** Zoom

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