***Side event by the Global Coalition on Deinstitutionalisation during the Global Disability Summit***

**Bringing deinstitutionalization back on the agenda**

16th February 2022, 12:00 – 13:15 CET

***Registration****: https://t.co/WSxZ63ZQTd*

With captions, international sign and French translation

*The COVID-19 pandemic has had a horrendous impact on people with disabilities* worldwide, many of whom were significantly and disproportionately affected*. Death, isolation and segregation have been some of the consequences.* At the global level, the collective testimonies of persons with disabilities, including those captured in the [COVID-19 Disability Rights Monitor](https://covid-drm.org/en/statements/covid-19-disability-rights-monitor-report-highlights-catastrophic-global-failure-to-protect-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities), have highlighted the urgent situation of persons in institutions. Data has shown that underrepresented/marginalized groups, such as women and girls with disabilities, have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and are also more likely to be at risk of institutionalization*.*

Despite the consensus on the importance of deinstitutionalization – deinstitutionalization is not explicitly on the GDS 2022 agenda. This side event, organized by major global disability right groups gathered around the Global Coalition on Deinstitutionalization, aims to overcome this gap and bring attention to the important process of development of the CRPD Committee’s Guidelines on deinstitutionalization. It aims to raise awareness about the Guidelines on Deinstitutionalization and help build momentum and interest among stakeholders - policymakers, funders, international organizations, civil society organizations, persons with disabilities and their representative organizations, and other important stakeholders.

**Moderator:**

Dragana Ciric Milovanovic, Disability Rights International, on behalf of the Global Coalition on Deinstitutionalization

**Speakers:**

Amalia Gamio Rios, Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Hon. Marie Louise Abomo, Commissioner, Working Group on Rights of Older Persons and People with Disabilities, African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights – “*Perspectives from the Global South*”

Judith E. Heumann, International Disability Rights Advocate (pre-recorded interview)

Elisabeta Moldovan, Self-advocate, Ceva de Spus, Romania – “*Why is it important to have guidelines on Deinstitutionalization? - Perspective of a survivor of institution”*

Bhargavi Davar, Transforming Communities for Inclusion – “*The importance of deinstitutionalization during an emergency – why it is needed and how it can be done*”

Steven Allen, Co-Executive director of the Validity Foundation, on behalf of the Global Coalition on DI – “*The establishment of the Global Coalition of Deinstitutionalization and the demand for guidelines on DI*”