

Disability Statistics: A Key to Inclusion ***New Data Collection Tools and Partnerships***

When: Wednesday March 9, 2016, 6:15 to 8:00 pm

Where: UNICEF House, Danny Kaye Visitors' Centre, 3 UN Plaza (44th street, between 1st and 2nd avenues), New York

Welcome:

Mr. Anthony Lake, Executive Director, UNICEF

Opening remarks:

H.E. Ms. Caitlin Wilson, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, President of the United Nations General Assembly (via video link)

Panel discussion:

The Importance of Data for the Promotion of Human Rights – Ms. Catalina Devandas Aguilar, UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Role of Civil Society in Data Collection – Ms. Marion Steff, Policy Advisor, Sightsavers

Data Collection Tools to Support the UNCRPD and the SDGs – Ms. Jennifer Madans, Chair, Washington Group on Disability Statistics

Interactive session:

Presentation of the new UNICEF/Washington Group Module on Child Functioning – Ms. Claudia Cappa (UNICEF), Ms. Tijana Čomić (Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia) and Mr. Mitch Loeb (Washington Group on Disability Statistics)

Closing remarks:

Mr. Thorkild Olesen, Chairman, Disabled People's Organisations Denmark



Food and drinks will be served

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The lack of reliable, accurate and comprehensive statistics has long impeded the development, implementation and evaluation of policies and programmes aimed at promoting the rights of persons with disabilities.

Please join us for an event that will bring together national statistical offices, disabled people’s organizations and other stakeholders to discuss the importance of producing internationally comparable data to fulfil the 2030 Development Agenda.

To address the need for comparable and reliable data, UNICEF and the Washington Group on Disability Statistics, in collaboration with numerous partners, have developed a survey module on child functioning for use in surveys and censuses. The module reflects current thinking around disability and can produce internationally comparable data.

The module was presented, discussed, and revised at several expert consultations since 2011, involving representatives of disabled people’s organizations, academic institutions, international organizations and national statistical offices.

The event will introduce the new UNICEF/Washington Group survey module on child functioning and launch a campaign – *Count Me In* – to advocate for the importance of collecting data on children with disabilities.

