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Towards Inclusion of Gender Equality with Beijing+20: Using Good Practices to Address Gender-Based Violence Against Women & Girls with Disabilities

There are more than 500 million women and girls with disabilities worldwide. Gender-based violence more frequently targets women and girls with disabilities but they remain largely invisible on the global development agenda and in humanitarian policy responses.

Women Enabled International, Handicap International and Syracuse University College of Law Disability Law and Policy Program invite you to join our panel discussion on a way forward to end violence affecting women and girls with disabilities and to achieve gender and disability equity in policies and programming around Beijing +20 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Please come to share your practices and join a conversation among practitioners, self-advocates, scholars and policymakers:

When: Friday, March 13th at 12.30 p.m.

Where: UN Church Center, Room Boss (located at the intersection of 44th Street and First Avenue, across from the UN Secretariat building)

Speakers: **Keynote Speaker, Catalina Devandas, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** (via video)

Discussant: Stephanie Ortoleva, Women Enabled International, on evidence of gender based violence affecting women and girls with disabilities and Beijing +20 and the findings of the Handicap International Project on “good practices” from 11 countries.

- **Nathalia Santos, Colectivo Chuhcan** (organization of women with disabilities in Mexico), on the challenges, good practices and recommendations on how to foster empowerment of women with psychosocial disabilities in Beijing +20.
- **Jeong Shim Lee, UN Women**, on Beijing +20 and the reporting gap on violence against women and girls with disabilities, and plans of UN Women on disability inclusion.
- **Milanoi Koiyiet, SU College of Law, LLM Candidate from Kenya**, on research on violence against women with disabilities in Kenya conducted by the Kenya Association for the Intellectually Handicap (KAIH) and the Coalition on Violence Against Women (COVAW).

Moderators: Ulrike Last, Handicap International and Professor Arlene Kanter, Syracuse University College of Law

Discussant: Stephanie Ortoleva, President, Women enabled International

Sign language interpreting will be provided. Materials will be available in alternate formats.

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