United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Asia-Pacific Commemoration of International Day of Persons with Disabilities

6 December 2023 from 13:00-15:15, Thailand Standard Time

United Nations Conference Centre, Conference Room 4 and online via Zoom

Tentative Programme

Wednesday, December 6

12:30-13:00

Registration

13:00-13:20

Item 1: Commemorating the 2023 International Day for Persons with Disabilities

(a) **Opening remarks** by H.E. Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

(b) **Video Screening and launch of the publication**: Disability at a Glance 2023: Catalysts of Change: Disability Inclusion in Business in Asia and the Pacific.

(c) **Group photo**

13:20-14:35

Item 2: Promoting Disability-Inclusive Business in Asia and the Pacific

- **Presentation** on the main findings of the Disability at a Glance 2023: Catalysts of Change: Disability Inclusion in Business in Asia and the Pacific, by Ms. Cai Cai, Chief, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Section, Social Development Division, ESCAP

- **Panel discussion**:

  **Moderator**: Dr. Srinivas Tata, Director, Social Development Division, ESCAP

  **Panellists**:
  - Mr. Monthian Buntan, Member of Senate, Royal Thai Parliament
  - Mr. Murteza Khan, Chief Executive Officer, Bangladesh Business and Disability Network
  - Ms. Masako Okukira, Director, and Ms. Michiko Aono, Manager; Human Resources Diverse Abilities Planning Group, Deloitte Japan
  - Ms. Methawee thatsanasateankit, Chief Executive Officer, Vulcan Coalition
- Ms. Joni Simpson, Senior Specialist, Gender, Equality & Non-discrimination at Work, International Labour Organization

- **Questions and Answers and Plenary discussion**

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<td><strong>Item 3: “Focus on Ability” Film Festival Screening</strong></td>
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<td>(a) <strong>Remarks</strong> by Mr. Ryan Goodwin, Creative Director, Focus on Ability Film Festival</td>
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<td>(b) <strong>Screening of three short films</strong></td>
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<td>(c) <strong>Presentation of award to the winning Thai Director and team</strong>, by Ms. Julia Feeney, Permanent Representative to ESCAP, Australia; Mr. Patrick Maher, Disability Champion, Australian Embassy; and Mr. Ryan Goodwin, Creative Director, Focus on Ability Film Festival</td>
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