

Protecting and Empowering Persons with Disabilities in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Opening Remarks

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Keynote Address

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Senator, Parliament of Thailand, and Member, United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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In the COVID-19 outbreak, Governments have the responsibility to mainstream disability inclusion into pandemic responses to safeguard the health, well-being and rights of persons with disabilities.

This webinar, organized by ESCAP in collaboration with the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General on Disability and Accessibility, will identify challenges and solutions to address the needs of persons with disabilities in the context of COVID-19, and explore how Governments, organizations of persons with disabilities and other entities, could collaborate towards this end.

The event will be broadcasted live on ESCAP's Youtube channel.
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Real-time captioning and sign-language interpretation will be available.