**Empowering CRPD Implementation: Disability Rights Monitoring. Launch of the Practical Guide on Independent Monitoring Mechanisms and Web-Based Repository**

**8 May 2024. Room XXIII, Palais des Nations – 13:30 to 15:00. Link to register to follow the event online:** [**https://indico.un.org/event/1011325/**](https://indico.un.org/event/1011325/)

**Background:**

With 191 State parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), the existence of effective Independent Monitoring Mechanisms (IMMs) has great potential to improve the enjoyment of their rights by persons with disabilities in most countries of the world. Article 33 (2) of the Convention mandates States parties to establish frameworks for monitoring the implementation of the treaty. As part of a joint UNPRPD Fund Programme, OHCHR and the UNDP have joined efforts to develop a comprehensive [UN Practical Guide](https://www.ohchr.org/en/publications/training-and-education-publications/implementing-rights-persons-disabilities-role) and a [central repository of national IMMs](https://www.ohchr.org/en/treaty-bodies/crpd/crpd-independent-monitoring-mechanisms-imm-repository). This process builds on the [CRPD Committee’s guidance](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=CRPD/C/1/Rev.1), issued in 2016.

**Objectives:**

This event is organized on the margins of the GANHRI 2024 annual meeting to facilitate participation of representatives of national human rights institutions attending the meeting. Its objectives are to:

* Facilitate exchange of knowledge and experiences: sharing insights from existing IMMs;
* Encourage inclusive IMM implementation: Emphasizing the importance of recognizing diversity and inclusive practices in establishing IMMs;
* Launch the publication “Implementing the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – The Role of Independent Monitoring Frameworks – A Practical Guide”: A comprehensive resource for States parties to establish and strengthen IMMs in line with CRPD mandates and;
* Introduce the Web-Based Repository on IMMs: A digital tool hosted on the OHCHR/CRPD Committee webpage, offering access to information on national IMMs.

**Speakers:**

* **Dr. Ola Abualghaib** – Technical Secretariat UNPRPD MPTF.
* **Tabatha Tranquilla -**– Chair of GANHRI’s Working Group on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. (Canadian Human Rights Commission)
* **Markus Schefer** – CRPD Committee member.
* **Juan Ignacio Perez –**Senior Human Rights Advisor(International Disability Alliance -IDA)
* **Khalid Ramli** – Director, Cooperation and International Relations. National Human Rights Council of Morocco.
* **Jankoba Jabbi** – Director at the Directorate of Social Welfare in the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Welfare- The Gambia.
* **Gregorio Saravia Mendez** – Human Rights and CRPD Delegate. Comité Español de Representantes de Personas con Discapacidad (CERMI).
* **Lesly Sierra**- Chief of the Program for the Defense and Promotion of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Defensoria del Pueblo de Peru.
* **Eunyoung Cho** – Disability Policy Officer of the Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities Division Ⅱ. National Human Rights Commission of the Republic of Korea.
* **Moderator:** **Nosy Ramamonjisoa** – Coordinator, Treaty Body Capacity Building Programme (OHCHR)
* 30 mins for Q & A and interventions on experiences of IMMs from the floor.

**Accessibility arrangements:**

* *Closed captioning available and online ISL*

**Organizers:**

* OHCHR
* UNDP
* UN Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Fund (UNPRPD)

**Partners:**

* Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
* Inclusion Handicap

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