



**Regional Workshop towards ratification of and reporting under the United Nations
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
in commemoration of its 10th Anniversary**

**ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA
5 SEPTEMBER 2016**

DRAFT AGENDA

9:00-9:30	Registration
9:30-10:00	Opening Introductory remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Maria Soledad CISTERNAS REYES, Chairperson, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) Director of Political Affairs, African Union Commission (AUC) Minister of Labor and Social Affairs, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (<i>tbc</i>) Photo session
10:00-10:10	Display of the CRPD anniversary video
10:10-11:00	Panel discussion - 10 years of the UN CRPD: Why ratify the CRPD? Moderator: Ms. Catalina DEVANDAS-AGUILAR, UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benefits of ratification from the UN Committee's perspective: Ms. Maria Soledad CISTERNAS REYES, Chairperson, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Benefits of ratification from a State perspective: an African country that ratified the Convention The African Union disability architecture and its linkages with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Department of Social Affairs (AUC) The African Union legal framework on the the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities: Ms. Jamesina KING, Commissioner and member of the Working Group on the rights of Older Persons and People with Disabilities, African Commission on Human and People's Rights Q&A
11:00-11:15	Coffee break

11:15-11:40	<p>Panel discussion - <i>10 years of the UN CRPD: Why ratify the CRPD?</i></p> <p>Q&A (continued)</p>
11:40-13:00	<p>Panel discussion - <i>10 years of the UN CRPD: Why report and engage with the CRPD Committee? How does this contribute to the implementation of the Convention?</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Maria Soledad CISTERNAS REYES, Chairperson, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits of reporting from the UN Committee's perspective: Mr. Coomaravel PYANEANDEE, CRPD member • Benefits of reporting from a State perspective: Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Ethiopia • Benefits of reporting from a civil society perspective and the role of Civil Society Organizations in monitoring the implementation of the CRPD: Ms. Yetnebersh NIGUISSE, Light for the World <p>Q&A</p>
13:00-14:30	Lunch break
14:30-15:00	<p>Working Group discussions - <i>Reporting under the CRPD and the Sustainable Development Goals: complementarities and synergies</i></p> <p>Moderator/ facilitator: Director of Political Affairs (AUC)</p> <p>14:30-14:45 - Presentation by Mr. Shuaib CHALKLEN, Chairperson of African Disability Forum</p> <p>14:45-15:00 - Presentation by Ms. Beza BESHAN, International Disability Alliance</p>
15:00-16:00	<p>Working Groups</p> <p><i>(Each group could have a mix of State representatives, CSOs and expert - Groups will be pre-defined beforehand, with the exception of State officials who will choose according to their interests)</i></p> <p>1 - Access to health services - <u>Rapporteur</u>: Mr. Danlami BASHARU, CRPD member</p> <p>2 - Access to education - <u>Rapporteur</u>: Ms. Maria Soledad CISTERNAS REYES, CRPD Chairperson</p> <p>3 - Work and employment - <u>Rapporteur</u>: Mr. Martin Babu MWESIGWA, CRPD member</p> <p>4 - Access to justice - <u>Rapporteur</u>: Mr. Coomaravel PYANEANDEE, CRPD member</p> <p>5 - Data disaggregation - <u>Rapporteur</u>: Ms. Catalina DEVANDAS-AGUILAR, Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities</p>
16:00-16:15	Coffee break
16:15-17:15	<p>Working Group Presentations to the plenary (5 minutes each)</p> <p>Moderator/facilitator: Director of Political Affairs (AUC)</p>
17:15-17:30	<p>Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African Union Commission • Ms. Maria Soledad CISTERNAS REYES, Chairperson, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities