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Bridging the Gap

Annual event

Women and girls with disabilities: national and
global leaders for inclusive development

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Rappresentanza in Italia della Commissione Europea
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9:00 **Registration**

9:15 **Welcome by Vito Borrelli, Acting Head of the EU Representation in Italy**

9:20 **Opening remarks – Institutional welcoming**

- **Luca Maestriperi**, Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo, Director
- **Germán García da Rosa**, FIIAPP – Spanish Cooperation, Director of Public Administration and Social Affairs
- **Renate Hahlen**, Minister Counsellor and Deputy Head of Delegation, EU Delegation to the Holy See, the Order of Malta, UN Organisations in Rome and to the Republic of San Marino
- **Victoria Lee**, Programme Manager, UN OHCHR
- **Giampiero Griffo**, Rete Italiana Disabilità e Sviluppo (RISD), President

10:00 **Keynote speeches – Women with disabilities, no one left behind**

- **Ana Peláez Narváez**, member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (video message)
- **Ana Lucía Arellano**, International Disability Alliance, President

10:30 **Bridging the Gap in pills: presentation of the project video**

10:35 **What is Bridging the Gap doing for the inclusion of women with disabilities?**

- **Victoria Lee**, Bridging the Gap I, OHCHR, Programme Manager
- **Federico Martire**, Bridging the Gap II, FIIAPP – Spanish Cooperation, Project Director

11:00 **Coffee break**

11:15 **Roundtable I – Women with disabilities as change makers: global and local experiences**

Dialogue with the audience animated by **Silvia Cutrera**, Disabled People International

- **Liliana Pelaia de Rudich**, President FEPAPDEM Ecuador
- **Bdraldeen Ahmed Hassan Mohamed**, Secretary general of the National Council of Persons with Disabilities of Sudan
- **Toyin Janet Aderemi-Ige**, UNRWA Disability Advisor
- **Francesca Capparucci**, Istituto Italo-Latinoamericano, Project Manager EUROsociAL+ Programme



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12:15 **Roundtable II – Women with disabilities: diverse, mutually reinforcing experiences of inclusion**

Dialogue with the audience animated by **Hisayo Katsui**, University of Helsinki

- **Dolores Mattosovich**, AICS Ouagadougou, Coordinator Bridging the Gap II in Burkina Faso (in coordination with Evelyne Hien Winkoun, UNAFEBH Burkina Faso)
- **Shitaye Astawes**, National Coordinator Bridging the Gap II in Ethiopia, Austrian Development Agency
- **Margarita García Hernández**, Programme Manager, Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo in Paraguay

13:15 **Conclusions and closing remarks**

- **Vincenzo Racalbutto**, Director, AICS Sudan
- **Alessia Rogai**, Bridging the Gap II, International Disability and Development Consortium, Knowledge and Learning Management Coordinator

13:30 **Lunch and presentation of the photo project “Bridging the Gap” with its author Christian Tasso**

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