Bridging the Gap
Annual event
Women and girls with disabilities: national and global leaders for inclusive development

Rome, 14 November 2019

Rappresentanza in Italia della Commissione Europea
Palazzo dei Campanari
Via IV Novembre, 149
00187 Roma
Italy
9:00 Registration

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

9:20 Opening remarks – Institutional welcoming
- Luca Maestripieri, 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 Griffi, 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
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 Racalbuto**, 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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