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# From Exclusion to Empowerment



## CONFERENCE AGENDA

**24-26**  
November 2014,  
New Delhi,  
India

# Role of ICTs for Persons with Disabilities

International conference



# **Tentative Agenda of the International Conference From Exclusion to Empowerment: Role of ICTs for Persons with Disabilities**

24 - 26 November 2014, New Delhi, India (Vigyan Bhawan)

## **Major organizers of the international event**

**United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and The Government of India**

Ministry of Human Resource Development

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment,  
Department of Disability Affairs

Ministry of Communications and Information Technology  
Department of Electronics and Information Technology

in partnership with Brotherhood, We Care Filmfest

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National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities, The Government of India

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**DAY ONE : 24 November 2014**

<b>08.00 - 08.45</b>	<u>Important note:</u> Registration of participants will be held at Ashok Hotel, Samrat Hotel and Janpath Hotel on 23 November 2014 from 12:00 a.m. to 22:00 p.m. The registration for the opening ceremony will be open at Vigyan Bhawan on 24 November 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Please kindly bring with you the printed and serial-numbered invitation card to the opening ceremony, along with a photo-ID. Please kindly be seated by 9:00 a.m.	
<b>09.30 - 10.30</b>	<b>Plenary session 1</b>	<b>Opening Ceremony of the International Conference</b>
	Chair: Mr Indrajit Banerjee, Director, Knowledge Societies Division, Communication and Information Sector, UNESCO  Address by Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Honourable Minister of Communications and Information Technology, The Government of India Address by Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, Honourable Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, The Government of India Address by Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Honourable Minister of Human Resource Development, The Government of India Address by Ms Irina Bokova, Director-General, UNESCO Vote of Thanks by Mr Shigeru Aoyagi, Director and UNESCO Representative to Bhutan, India, Maldives and Sri Lanka Opening film of the We Care Filmfest 2014  <i>Note: Interpretation in Sign language and Hindi</i>	
<b>10.30 – 11.00</b>	<b>Coffee/tea break</b>	
<b>11.00 – 11.40</b>	<b>Plenary session 2</b>	<b>Addresses of the Keynote Speakers</b>
	Chair: Ms Lise Grande, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in India  Dr. Karan Singh, Member of India's Upper House of Parliament, the Rajya Sabha Sir Philip Craven, President of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC)	

	<b>Plenary session 3</b>	<b>High Level Panel</b>
<b>11.40 – 13.30</b>	<p>The High Level Panel participants will reflect on the challenges faced by persons with disabilities in accessing information and knowledge, using Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs). Drawing on experience gained in implementing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Millennium Development Goals and Post 2015 Development Agenda, the speakers will also discuss how the IT industry can contribute to the inclusion of persons with disabilities and how current technological solutions can be incorporated into the development process of accessible products, services and content.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Andrew Taussig, Former Trustee, The International Institute of Communications, United Kingdom  Rapporteur: Dr. Dianne Chambers, Associate Professor, Coordinator of Special Education, University of Notre Dame Australia, Australia</p> <p>High Level Panel speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Kim Simplis-Barrow, Special Envoy for Women and Children, and First Lady of Belize, Belize</li> <li>• Mr Lenin Moreno, Former Vice President of Ecuador and Special Envoy of the United Nations for Disability and Accessibility Issues, Ecuador</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Ali Al-Tarrah, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of the State of Kuwait to UNESCO, The State of Kuwait</li> <li>• Mr Antônio José Ferreira, National Secretary for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Secretariat of Human Rights of the Presidency of the Republic of Brazil, Brazil</li> <li>• Lord Colin Mackenzie Low, Member of the House of Lords, the Parliament of the United Kingdom and Vice-Chairperson of the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) and President of the European Blind Union, United Kingdom</li> <li>• Ms Stuti Kacker, Secretary, Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, The Government of India</li> <li>• Mr Jinuk Shin, Vice-President and Head of Corporate Citizenship Group, Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., South Korea</li> <li>• Ms Eve Andersson, Lead Accessibility Engineering, Google, USA</li> <li>• Mr Chalapathy Neti, Director of Education Transformation, IBM Global Research, India</li> <li>• Ms Ruth Warick, Second Vice-President of the International Disability Alliance (IDA) and the President of the International Federation of Hard of Hearing People, USA</li> </ul>	
<b>13.30 - 14.30</b>	<p><b>Inauguration of the ICT Exhibition</b></p> <p><b>Lunch break</b></p>	

	<b>Parallel session 1:</b>  <b>Track I: Partnerships and Sustainable Development (Hall 3)</b>	<b>Parallel session 2:</b>  <b>Track II: Accessibility and Technological Solutions (Hall 4)</b>	<b>Parallel session 3:</b>  <b>Track III: Access to Information and Knowledge (Hall 5)</b>
<b>14.30 – 16.00</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Partnerships for Disability-Inclusive Development: UN Efforts in India and South Asia</b></p> <p>The session is organized by the UN Country Team in India and UN entities</p> <p>The session will allow the UN entities in India to focus on mainstreaming disability issues in development processes within the Indian and South Asian sub-region, and contribute to the on-going preparatory process toward the Post-2015 agenda.</p> <p>Moderator : Mr Jaco Cilliers, Country Director, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), India</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ms Aiko Akiyama, Social Affairs Officer, Social Development Division, Bangkok, The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Thailand</p> <p>Panel Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Paul Comyn, Senior Vocational Training and Skills Development Specialist, ILO Decent Work Team for South Asia, International Labour Organization (ILO),</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Promoting Self-Reliance and Livelihoods for Persons with Disabilities</b></p> <p>The session is organized by UNESCO, The Digital Empowerment Foundation (India), Inomy Media Private limited (India) and Open Knowledge Community (India)</p> <p>The session will look at elaborating on how lives for people can be made easier and better through ICT tools and various other assistive technologies. The session will discuss issues surrounding the limitations of disabled people and how technology can make their lives easier and better.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Shanti Raghavan, Founder, Enable India, India</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr Marcus Goddard, Managing Partner, Netexplo International Partner, France</p> <p>Panel speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Rajesh Aggarwal, Principal Secretary IT, Government of Maharashtra, India</li> <li>• Prof. Sudesh Mukhopadhyay, Chairperson, Rehabilitation Council of India, India</li> <li>• Dr. Uma Tuli, Amar Jyoti Trust, Research</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Implementing Inclusive Education to Meet the Educational Needs of Persons with Disabilities</b></p> <p>The session is organized by UNESCO and UNICEF</p> <p>The session will focus on the reasonable accommodation of the educational needs of students with disabilities, using information and communication technologies (ICTs). Special attention will be placed on capacity building for teachers and support staff to accommodate the needs of students.</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. R. Govinda, Vice-Chancellor, National University for Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA), India</p> <p>Rapporteur: Professor James O'Meara, Director, Deepening Practice President, International Council on Education for Teaching' National Louis University, USA</p> <p>Panel speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Lava Deo Awasthi, Director General, Department of Education, Ministry of Education, Nepal</li> <li>• Mr Ian Kaplan, Director, Enabling</li> </ul>

	<p>Thailand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Sameer Sharma, Senior Advisor, Regional office for Asia and the Pacific International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Thailand</li> <li>• Ms Aiko Akiyama, Social Affairs Officer, Social Development Division, Bangkok, The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Thailand</li> <li>• Ms Subhalakshmi Nandi, Programme Specialist, Women’s Economic Empowerment (UN WOMEN), India</li> <li>• Ms Amita Tandon, Education Specialist, United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF), India</li> <li>• Mr Anirban Sarma, National Officer, UNESCO Office in New Delhi, India</li> <li>• Ms Viniti Mehra, Protection Associate, The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)</li> </ul>	<p>and Rehabilitation Centre, India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Marcus Goddard, Managing Partner, Netexplo International Partner, France</li> <li>• Mr Osama Manzar, Founder Director, Digital Empowerment foundation, India</li> <li>• Mr Ramesh C Gaur, University librarian, Jawahar Lal Nehru University, India</li> <li>• Mr Rajaram Sharma, Joint Director, National Council of Education Research and Training, India</li> <li>• Ms Sharmishtha Atreja, Representaytive, Open Knowledge Community (OKC), India</li> <li>• Ms Avesta Chouhary, Digital Empowerment foundation, India</li> </ul>	<p>Education Network CIC, School of Education, University of Manchester, United Kingdom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Rosangela Berman Bieler, Chief, Disability Section, Program Division, UNICEF, USA</li> <li>• Dr. Asis Goswami, Chairholder, UNESCO Chair in Inclusive Adapted Physical Education and Yoga, and Dean, Faculty of General and Adapted Physical Education and Yoga, Ramakrishana Mission Vivekananda University, India</li> <li>• Ms Miryam Bonadiu Pelosi, Assistant Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil</li> <li>• Ms Maja Stojanovic, Volunteer, UNICEF, Drama Faculty, University of Montenegro, Montenegro</li> </ul>
<b>16.00 – 16.30</b>	<b>Coffee/tea break</b>		
<b>16.30 – 18.00</b>	<b>Plenary session 4</b>	<b>Official Inauguration of the International Film Festival “We Care Filmfest 2014”</b>	
	<p>Chair: Ms Stuti Kacker, Secretary, Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, The Government of India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Lise Grande, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative</li> <li>• Mr Satish Kapoor, Founder and Director, Brotherhood and WE CARE FilmFest (India)</li> <li>• Mr Shigeru Aoyagi, Director and UNESCO Representative to Bhutan, India, Maldives and Sri Lanka and UNESCO office in New Delhi</li> <li>• Ms Kiran Mehra-Kerpelman, Director, UN Information Centre for India and Bhutan</li> <li>• Mr Nagesh Kukunoor, Eminent Film-maker, India</li> <li>• Mr Awanish K Awasthi, Joint Secretary, Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India</li> <li>• Mr Govind Nihalani, Distinguished Film-maker, India</li> <li>• Vote of thanks by Mr A Parsuramen, Founder Global Rainbow Foundation, Mauritius</li> <li>• Screening of Films</li> </ul>		

	<p><i>Note: A preview committee will select the short films and documentaries to be screened in the context of the international conference from entries received by 31 October 2014. For the 12th edition of the We Care Film Festival, entries can be submitted until 15 January 2015.</i></p>
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**DAY TWO : 25 November 2014**

**08.00 – 18.00**

The registration for the international conference will be open at Vigyan Bhawan from 8:00 a.m. to 18:00 p.m. on 25 November 2014. Please kindly bring with you a photo-ID.

**9.00 – 10.30**

**Parallel session 4:**

**Track I: Partnerships and Sustainable Development (Hall 3)**

**From Policy to Implementation**

The session is organized by The Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, National Institutes of India for Persons with Disabilities

The session will examine the implementation of national policies for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in India. The session will include presentations of the representatives of the National Institutes in India.

Moderator: Ms Stuti Kacker, Secretary, Disability Affairs Department, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, The Government of India, India

Rapporteur: Ms Ruth Warick, Second Vice-President of the International Disability Alliance (IDA) and President, International

**Parallel session 5:**

**Track II: Accessibility and Technological Solutions (Hall 4)**

**From Enrolment to Employment: Technical Support for Educational Institutions and Students with Disabilities**

The session is organized by UNESCO

The session will discuss the technical support that educational institutions should provide to their students with disabilities in order to ensure a better transition from enrolment to employment, using inclusive and affordable ICTs.

Moderator: Mr Mohammed Al-Tarawneh, Chairman of Cross Borders Development Consultants; Inaugural Chairperson and Current Member of the UN-CRPD Committee - OHCHR, Geneva; UN Goodwill Ambassador for Peace and Development; Special Advisor to the Mayor of Greater Amman on Human Rights, Jordan

Rapporteur: Dr. Ashish Kumar Mukherjee,

**Parallel session 6:**

**Track III: Access to Information and Knowledge (Hall 5)**

**Ensuring Freedom of Expression for Persons with Disabilities Through Inclusive ICTs**

The session is organized by UNESCO, Article 19 and other partner organizations

The session will explore how technological solutions help to ensure freedom of expression and opinions for persons with disabilities, using the communication platform of their choice. Special attention will be paid to guiding principles, media reporting, information ethics, privacy, and accessible e-voting for the visually impaired.

Moderator: Mr Basheerhamad Shadrach, Coordinator for Asia, Alliance for Affordable Internet, India

Rapporteur: Ms Barbora Bukovska, Senior Director for Law and Policy, Article 19, United Kingdom/Czech Republic



	<p>Federation of Hard of Hearing People, USA</p> <p>Panel speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Awanish K Awasthi, Joint Secretary, Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, The Government of India, India</li> <li>• Mr T.D. Dhariyal, Deputy Chief Commissioner, Office of The Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities</li> <li>• Shri D. R. Sarin, Chairman and Managing Director, Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO)</li> <li>• Shri P.C. Das, Chairman and Managing Director, National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC)</li> <li>• Dr. Dharmendra Kumar, Director, Institute of Physically Handicapped (IPH)</li> <li>• Ms. Anuradha Dalmia, Director, National Institute for the Visually Handicapped (NIVH)</li> <li>• Dr. S.G.R. Prakash, Officiating Director, Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped (AYJNIHH)</li> <li>• Dr Neeradha Chandra Mohan, Director, National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD)</li> <li>• Ms Aloka Guha, Former Chairperson, Chairperson of National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities</li> </ul>	<p>Vice President - Asia Pacific, Rehabilitation International and Director General, Indian Spinal Injuries Centre, India</p> <p>Panel speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Saima Hossain, Licensed School Psychologist, Member WHO's Expert Advisory Panel on Mental Health and Chairperson of National Advisory Committee on Autism in Bangladesh, Global Autism Organization, Bangladesh</li> <li>• Prof. Dominique Archambault, Université Paris 8, Master on Technology and Disabilities, France</li> <li>• Mr Anil Joshi, Program Director, Human Ability and Accessibility, IBM India Research Lab, India</li> <li>• Dr Rehema Baguma, Director Academic Affairs, Uganda Technology and Management University (UTAMU), Uganda</li> <li>• Prof. Alireza Darvishy, Head of the ICT Accessibility Lab, Zurich University for Applied Sciences, Switzerland</li> <li>• Ms Sugandha Sukrutaraj The Down Syndrome Federation of India (DSFI), India</li> <li>• Mr Mohamed Elhenawy, Executive Director, Training Center and Outreach Programs, The Egyptian ADVANCE Society For Persons with Autism and Other Disorders, Egypt</li> </ul>	<p>Panel speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Barbora Bukovska, Senior Director for Law and Policy, Article 19, United Kingdom/Czech Republic</li> <li>• Ms Cecile Guidote-Alvarez, Director of the Earthsavers Dream Ensemble, UNESCO Artist for Peace, The Philippines</li> <li>• Dr Jacob Rendtorff, Department of Communication, Business and Information Technologies, Management in Transition, Roskilde University, Denmark</li> <li>• Mr Sanjeev Katara, Scientist, National Informatics Centre, Department Of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY), Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, the Government of India, India</li> <li>• Dr Pilar Orero, Center for Ambient Intelligence and Accessibility of Catalonia, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain</li> <li>• Mr Anand Dhuri, Sales Director (Indian Subcontinent), ScytI, India</li> </ul>
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee/tea break		

	<b>Parallel session 7:</b> <b>Track I: Partnerships and Sustainable Development (Hall 3)</b>	<b>Parallel session 8:</b> <b>Track II: Accessibility and Technological Solutions (Hall 4)</b>	<b>Parallel session 9:</b> <b>Track III: Access to Information and Knowledge (Hall 5)</b>
<b>11.00 – 13.00</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>UNDESA-UNESCO Forum: Inclusion of Disability in the Post-2015 Global Development Agenda</b></p> <p>The session is organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations (DESA) and UNESCO</p> <p>The session will focus on the role of technology in the post-2015 framework and in the realization of the rights of persons with disabilities. By promoting the benefits of ICT advancements for persons with disabilities, speakers will share experiences and lessons learned, particularly in the area of inclusive disaster risk reduction and emergency responses, as well as explore new approaches and paradigms for technology as an enabler for inclusive development.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Daniela Bas, Director, Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, UN DESA</p> <p>Rapporteur: Dr. Abeer Shakweer, Minister's Advisor for Social Responsibility and Services, Ministry of Communications and Information technology, Egypt</p> <p>Panel speakers:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Inclusive and Innovative Technological Solutions for Sustainable Societies</b></p> <p>The session is organized by UNESCO and the IT industry, educational organizations and civil society</p> <p>The session will address the importance of supporting inclusive, innovative and literate societies for sustainability, integration and good governance. Speakers will present new technological solutions for the inclusion of persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Clayton H. Lewis, Department of Computer Science and Institute of Cognitive Science, University of Colorado, USA</p> <p>Rapporteur: Dr Pilar Orero, Center for Ambient Intelligence and Accessibility of Catalonia, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain</p> <p>Panel speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Pete Denman, Designer, Intel Corporation / Labs, USA</li> <li>• Mr Winston Wei, CEO, Founder of SmarttPapers International, Singapore</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Open and Distance Learning Services for Learners with Disabilities: The Rights Perspective</b></p> <p>The session is organized by UNESCO, Commonwealth of Learning (COL) and Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)</p> <p>The session will discuss the major issues in distance learning for learners with disabilities while sharing and identifying appropriate assistive technologies to support learning. Speakers will also review existing policies and legislative provisions, from around the globe that provide support to distance learners.</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. M. Aslam, Vice Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Open University, India</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ms Isabelle Turmaine, Director, Information Projects and Services, International Association of Universities, France</p> <p>Panel speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Dianne Chambers, Associate Professor, Coordinator Double Degrees/ Special Education, University of Notre Dame Australia, Australia</li> <li>• Ms Susan D. Moisey, Ph.D. M.Ed. Program Director and Associate Professor, Centre for Distance Education</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Fernando Ribeiro, Special Advisor of National Secretary for Promotion of Rights for Persons with Disabilities, Brazil</li> <li>• Ms Emmie Pakkala, UNICEF Uganda</li> <li>• Ms Akiko Ito, Chief, Secretariat to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, UN DESA</li> <li>• Mr Hiroshi Kawamura, Past President and Board member of the DAISY Consortium, Japan</li> <li>• Dr Ashish Kumar Mukherjee, Vice President - Asia Pacific, Rehabilitation International and Director General, Indian Spinal Injuries Centre, India</li> <li>• Ms Takasshi Izutsu, World Bank, Japan</li> <li>• Mr Javed Abidi, Chairperson of Disabled People's International and Honorary Director of National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP), India</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Nicola Pitchford, Associate Professor, Faculty of Science, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom</li> <li>• Mr Mohamed Khalifa, CEO of Khalifa Computer Group Companies, Egypt</li> <li>• Mr Sumit Dagar, Designer and technologist and Founder of Kriyate, India</li> </ul>	<p>Athabasca University, Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Narend Baijnath, Pro Vice Chancellor, University of South Africa (UNISA), South Africa</li> <li>• Dr Nor Aziah Alias, Director of Academic Development, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia</li> <li>• Prof. Sudesh Mukhopadhyay, Chairperson, Rehabilitation Council of India, India</li> <li>• Mr Zahid Majeed, Assistant Professor, Department of Special Education, Faculty of Education, Allama Iqbal Open University, Pakistan</li> </ul>
<b>13.00 – 14.30</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>		

	<b>Parallel session 10: Track I: Partnerships and Sustainable Development (Hall 3)</b>	<b>Parallel session 11: Track II: Accessibility and Technological Solutions (Hall 4)</b>	<b>Parallel session 12: Track III: Access to Information and Knowledge (Hall 5)</b>
<b>14.30 – 16.00</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Inclusive Policies at the National Level: Experiences from Around the World</b></p> <p>The session is organized by UNESCO and other partners</p> <p>The session will examine and discuss examples of national policies for the inclusion of persons with disabilities from around the world.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Armoogum Parsuramen, Founder-President, Global Rainbow Foundation, Mauritius</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ms Christine Hendricks, Executive Director, Jamaica Council for Persons with Disabilities, Jamaica</p> <p>Panel speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Abeer Shakweer, Minister’s Advisor for Social Responsibility and Services, Ministry of Communications and Information technology, Egypt</li> <li>• Mr Antonio José do Nascimento Ferreira, National Secretary for the Promotion of the Rights of People with Disabilities, Ministry of Human Rights of the Presidency of the Republic of Brazil, Brazil</li> <li>• Mr Wasiyou Karimu, Director, Department of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Action, Women's Empowerment and</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Making Information Accessible for Persons with Disabilities</b></p> <p>The session is organized by Daisy Consortium, World Blind Union</p> <p>This session will address and present cost-effective and viable solutions for making information accessible for persons with disabilities. Focusing on solutions for the visually-impaired, speakers will discuss developments in text-to-speech technology that comply with W3C web standards.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Stephen King, President, DAISY Consortium, United Kingdom</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr Martin Mwongela Kavua, Lecturer, Department of Hearing Impairment and Communication Difficulties (HICD), Institute of Special Education (KISE), Kenya</p> <p>Panel speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Dipendra Manocha, President DAISY Forum of India and Member of the WBU Executive Committee, India</li> <li>• Mr Richard Orme, International Council for the Education of Visually Impaired People, ICEVI Technology Initiative Lead, United Kingdom</li> <li>• Ms Eve Andersson, Lead Accessibility Engineering, Google, USA</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Supporting Community Efforts to Create Inclusive Learning Spaces for All Using ICTs</b></p> <p>The session is organized by UNESCO and Intergovernmental Information for All Programme (IFAP)</p> <p>The session will present the Inclusive Learning Lab (i2Lab) concept. Created by UNESCO in cooperation with the Information for all Programme (IFAP), the i2Lab is an approach to building diverse, dynamic and inclusive learning environments for persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Chafica Abou Khaled Haddad, Deputy Permanent Delegate of Grenada to UNESCO, Chair, Intergovernmental Programme Information for All (IFAP), Grenada</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr Sergio Meresman, Inter American Institute on Disability, Uruguay</p> <p>Panel speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Irmgarda Kasinskaite-Buddeberg, Programme Specialist, Knowledge Societies Division, Communication and Information Sector, UNESCO</li> <li>• Dr Scott W. Harrington, Director of the Youth Transition Project, Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities (NCED), University</li> </ul>

	<p>Literacy, Togo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Paula Sotnik, Senior Research Associate and Project Director, Institute for Community Inclusion, School for Global Inclusion and Social Development, University of Massachusetts, Boston, USA</li> <li>• Ms Sonia Gandhi, Head of Research, Evaluation and Impact, Ofsted, United Kingdom</li> <li>• Ms Hazel Díaz Melendez, Director, Concessions and Telecommunication Norms, Ministry of Science, Technology and Telecommunications, Costa Rica</li> <li>• Mr Alyaa Aljeeb, Special Education Specialist, Special Education Department, Bahrain</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr James Teh, Executive Director and Mr Gary Baxter, General Manager, NV Access Limited, Australia</li> <li>• Mr Martin Mwangela Kavua, Lecturer, Department of Hearing Impairment and Communication Difficulties (HICD), Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE), Kenya</li> <li>• Mr Ugo Falace, CEO, Centro Leonardo Education Srl, Italy</li> <li>• Mr Balakrishnan, Professor, Computer Science and Engineering Department, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi), India</li> </ul>	<p>of Nevada, USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Nicola Pitchford, Associate Professor, Faculty of Science, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom</li> <li>• Mr Ahmed Abdul-Aziz Alghareeb, Assistant Director of Social Needs School Speech and Language Pathologist, Kuwait</li> <li>• Ms Revathy Rugmini, Regional Representative for Asia, Leonard Cheshire Disability (LCD), India</li> <li>• Mr Daniel Da Hien, Coordinator, African Youth Network, Burkina Faso</li> <li>• Mr Nitendra Rajput, Senior researcher and research manager, IBM India Research Lab, India</li> </ul>
<b>16.00 – 16.30</b>	<b>Coffee/tea break</b>		

**Plenary session no 5**

**New Opportunities for Enhanced Partnerships between the Public and Private Sector**

Joint session organized by UNESCO, national public and private partners

Chair: Ms Stuti Kacker, Secretary, Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, The Government of India

Rapporteur: Mr Pavan Duggal, Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Head of Pavan Duggal Associates, President of Cyberlaws.net and President of Mobilelaw.net

**17.00 – 18.30**

Panel participants:

- Mr DP Singh, Vice President and Head Human Resources, IBM India and South Asia
- Ms Fatima Alam and Ms Vineeta Dixit, Google India
- Ms Sreela Das Gupta, Diversity and Inclusion at BPS, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- Ms Madhu Khatri, Associate General Counsel, Microsoft Corporation India Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr Ashutosh Chadha, Director, Corporate Affairs South Asia, Intel Technology India Pvt Ltd
- Shri Awanish Kumar Awasthi, Joint Secretary, Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, The Government of India
- Dr. K.V.S. Rao, Director, Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, The Government of India
- Prof. Prabhat Ranjan, Information Technology, Forecasting and Assessment Council, Department of Science and Technology, The Government of India
- Representative of the National Association of Software Companies (NASSCOM), India

**DAY THREE : 26 November 2014**

<p><b>08.00 - 13.00</b></p>	<p>The registration for the international conference will be open at Vigyan Bhawan from 8:00 a.m. to 13:00 p.m on 26 November 2014. Please kindly bring with you a photo-ID.</p>		
<p><b>9.00 – 10.30</b></p>	<p><b>Parallel session 13:</b>  <b>Track I: Partnerships and Sustainable Development (Hall 3)</b></p>	<p><b>Parallel session 14:</b>  <b>Track II: Accessibility and Technological Solutions (Hall 4)</b></p>	<p><b>Parallel session 15:</b>  <b>Track III: Access to Information and Knowledge (Hall 5)</b></p>
<p><b>Enabling Environments and the Role of ICTs in Implementation</b></p> <p>The session is organized by the World Bank and UNESCO</p> <p>This session will present updated facts on the prevalence of disabilities worldwide and in developing countries, drawing from the World Disability Report, and highlight policy recommendations focused around key recommendations</p> <p>Moderator: Mr John Blomquist, India Program Leader (Social Inclusion) Lead Economist, World Bank Group</p> <p>Rapporteur: Dr Nicola Pitchford, Associate Professor, Faculty of Science, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom</p> <p>Panel speakers:</p>	<p><b>Learning Differently for Peace and Sustainability: Gaming, Apps and Innovation</b></p> <p>The session is organized by UNESCO, Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development, and Nokia, India</p> <p>The session will present mobile technology solutions for facilitating access to information and knowledge for persons with disabilities, with a focus on learning disabilities. IT industry leaders will explore the development of new interactive learning models and games, using mobile phones and applications.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Anamika Gupta, Programme Officer, Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Peace and Sustainable Development, India</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ms Susan D. Moisey, Ph.D. M.Ed. Program Director and Associate Professor, Centre for Distance Education</p>	<p><b>Open Access Policies for the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities</b></p> <p>The session is organized by UNESCO</p> <p>The session will discuss how Open Access Policies can be made more inclusive and address the needs of persons with disabilities, particularly in regards to scientific information and research.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Donal Fitzpatrick, Lecturer, School of Computing, Dublin City University, Ireland</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr Anup Das, Centre for Studies in Science Policy, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India</p> <p>Panel speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Katsuhita Katsuhito Yamaguchi, Nihon University, Junior College, Japan</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Alexandra Posarac, Lead Economist and a co-author of the World Disability Report, The World Bank</li> <li>• Mr Shailendra Sigdel, Statistical Cluster Advisor, UNESCO Cluster Office IN New Delhi, Sri Lanka and Maldives, India and UNESCO Institute of Statistics, Canada</li> <li>• Ms Meera Shenoy, Advisor to the National Skills Development Association in India for Skilling and Employment, Founder and CEO, Skills4Jobs, India</li> <li>• Ms Maria Eugenia Sozio, Research Analyst at the Regional Center for Studies on the Development of the Information Society (Cetic.br), Unesco Category II Center based in São Paulo, Brazil</li> </ul>	<p>Athabasca University, Canada</p> <p>Panel speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Clayton H. Lewis, Department of Computer Science and Institute of Cognitive Science, University of Colorado, USA</li> <li>• Mr Devesh Kumar, Founder D Labs and Nasscom Awarded Youth Developer, India</li> <li>• Mr Jeff Poblocki, Director of Technology, Gow School, South Wales, NY, USA</li> <li>• Mr Pranshu Singhal, Head, Sustainability, Nokia India Sales Private Limited, a subsidiary of Microsoft Mobile, India</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Anna Maria Cetto, Instituto de Física, UNAM, Mexico</li> <li>• Mr Masakazu Suzuki, Institute of Systems, Information Technologies and Nanotechnologies (ISIT), Japan</li> <li>• Dr. Rajeev Shrestha, Assistant Professor of Neuropharmacology, Associate Editor of Kathmandu University Medical Journal (KUMJ), Dhulikhel Hospital, Kathmandu University Hospital, School of Medical Sciences, Dhulikhel, Kavre, NEPAL</li> <li>• Dr. Sridhar Gutam, Senior Scientist (Plant Physiology) and Convenor, Open Access India, ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region Research Centre Ranchi, India</li> <li>• Ms Barnali Chakraworti, Barnali Roy Choudhury Convenor, Open Access, India</li> </ul>
10.30 – 10.45	<b>Coffee/tea break</b>		
10.45 – 11.15	<b>Plenary session 6 (Hall 5)</b>	<b>Best Practical Solutions for the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities</b>	
<p><b>Techno Camp - Best practical solutions for inclusion of students with disabilities and their teachers</b>  Series of presentations by students with disabilities and their teachers, who attended the Techno Camp - New Delhi 2014</p> <p>Chair: Mr Mark Coppin, Anne Carlsen Center, North Dakota, USA  Speakers: Students with disabilities who attended the Techno Camp and their teachers.</p>			



<b>11.15 – 13.30</b>	<b>Plenary session 7 (Hall 5)</b>	<b>Discussions and endorsement of “From Exclusion to Empowerment: New Delhi Outcome Document-Declaration – Input to the Post-2015 Agenda”</b>
	<p>Chair: Mr Indrajit Banerjee, Director, Knowledge Societies Division, Communication and Information Sector, UNESCO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairman of the Drafting Group - Mr Lenin Voltaire Moreno Garcés, UN Special Envoy on Disability and Accessibility, Ecuador</li> <li>• Co-Chair of the thematic track “Partnerships and Sustainable Development”- Ms Safak Pavey, Member of the Parliament and Member of the UNCRPD Committee - OHCHR, Geneva, Turkey</li> <li>• Co-Chair of the thematic track “Accessibility and Technological Solutions” - Mr Mohammed Al-Tarawneh P.E., M.A., Chairman of Cross Borders Development Consultants (CBDC), Inaugural Chairperson and Current Member Of the UNCRPD Committee - OHCHR, Geneva, UN Goodwill Ambassador for Peace &amp; Development, Special Advisor to the Mayor of Greater Amman on Human Rights, Jordan</li> <li>• Co-chair of the thematic track “Access to information and knowledge” - Prof. Narend Baijnath, Pro Vice Chancellor, University of South Africa (UNISA), South Africa and Former Honorary Vice President of the National Council for Persons with Physical Disabilities in South Africa (NCPDSA), South Africa</li> <li>• Secretary to the Chairman of the Drafting Group - Mr Andrew Taussig, Former Trustee, International Institute of Communications, UK</li> <li>• Host country representatives: Mr Awanish K. Awasthi, IAS Joint Secretary, Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, The Government of India and Dr. K.V.S. Rao, Director, Department of Disability Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, The Government of India</li> </ul>	
<b>13.30 – 14.00</b>	<b>Plenary session 8 (Hall 5)</b>	<b>Closing session</b>
	<p>Chair: Mr Shigeru Aoyagi, Director and UNESCO Representative to Bhutan, India, Maldives and Sri Lanka</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address by Ms Lakshmi Puri, Assistant-Secretary-General/Deputy Executive Director, UNWomen</li> <li>• UNESCO closing remarks by Mr Indrajit Banerjee, Director, Knowledge Societies Division, Communication and Information Sector, UNESCO</li> </ul>	
<b>14.00 – 15.00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	

**DAY FOUR: 27 November 2014****08.00 - 09.00****Registration****Offsite visits****Visit to the National Disability Institutions in New Delhi****9.00 – 13.00**

The participants of the International Conference will be invited to visit national institutions that provide services to persons with disabilities:

**Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Institute for the Physically Handicapped in New Delhi**

<http://www.iphnewdelhi.in/Home.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

The Institute is an autonomous organization under the administrative and financial control of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

**Amar Jyoti Research and Rehabilitation Centre in New Delhi**

<http://www.amarjotirehab.org/>

The Centre was established in 1981 at Delhi, under the aegis of Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust. Amar Jyoti is a voluntary organization rendering rehabilitative services to persons with disabilities through a holistic approach of inclusive education, medical care, vocational training, child guidance and self-employment.

Note: To be organized for 25-30 participants, please confirm by 24 November 2014 (UNESCO Secretariat).