



## An inclusive United Nations — It's your world

United Nations Headquarters, New York

ONHQ Conference Building

North Lawn Building

### www.un.org/accessibilitycentre

#### **H.E. Ambassador John W. Ashe** President of the United Nations General Assembly, 68th Session

The United Nations Charter is based on the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, while the Universal Declaration of Human Rights begins with the words: *All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights*. For this reason, disability-inclusive development is not a new idea. As we begin crafting the post-2015 development agenda, we must strive for inclusive social development, equality and opportunity for all, including persons with disabilities.



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#### H.E. Mr. Oh Joon

#### Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations

I am delighted to welcome you to the United Nations Accessibility Centre. The assistive devices provided by Korea will promote greater inclusiveness for persons with disabilities visiting the UN. This contribution represents Korea's long-standing commitment to promoting and ensuring the rights of persons with disabilities.



H.E. Ambassador Oh Joon



#### Secretary-General Mr. Ban Ki-moon United Nations

We at the United Nations want to lead by example and make a truly 'Inclusive United Nations'. The Accessibility Centre will enable persons with disabilities to participate in the intergovernmental processes, and reinforce the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

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Secretary-General Mr. BAN Ki-moon

# What will you find at the Accessibility Centre?

In line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Accessibility Centre works to enable greater participation of persons with disabilities in intergovernmental processes and meetings at the UN. It represents a landmark achievement in creating an inclusive and accessible United Nations for all.

#### Services available include:

- Assistive tools and technologies for persons with visual, audio and mobility impairments
- Computer stations with assistive devices such as:
  - Desktop magnifiers
  - Screen readers
  - Braille and other assistive keyboards
  - Portable DAISY players
  - Hearing aids
  - Bone conduction head sets
  - Specialized mouse
  - Braille notetakers, etc.
- Wheelchair charging provisions at various locations in the conference facilities
- Staffed desk to provide assistance on using the devices

Devices can be borrowed by submitting a valid Photo ID and are for use on UN premises only.

The Centre is developed by the United Nations Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) with the generous support of the Government of the Republic of Korea, and in consultation with the Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (DESA), the Inter Departmental Task Force on Accessibility (IDTFA), its Focus Group on Accessibility, as well as persons with disabilities.

#### **Kiosks and Satellite Centres**

In addition to the **Accessibility Centre** in the Conference Building, an **Accessibility Satellite Centre** is situated in the North Lawn Building. **Accessibility Kiosks** with ICT solutions are also available at the computer stations in the Delegates Lounge and the Internet Lounge of the Conference Building.

#### Locations of Accessibility Centres and Kiosks

at United Nations Headquarters, New York

- Accessibility Centre
- Conference Building (Level 1B) (by the Secretariat Building escalators)



• North Lawn Building (behind the stairway, near the front entrance)



- **3a: Delegates Lounge** (Conference Building, Level 2)
- **3b: Internet Lounge** (Conference Building, Level 1B)



