

# TENTATIVE AGENDA

## 14.30 – 15.00 OPENING CEREMONY

- > Welcome remarks by a representative of the Director-General of UNESCO
- > Opening speech by H.E. **Mr Meshal Hayat**, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the State of Kuwait to UNESCO
- > Screening of films

## 15.00 – 16.15 MODERATED HIGH-LEVEL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

**Moderator: Mr Indrajit Banerjee**, Director, Knowledge Societies Division, Communication and Information Sector, UNESCO

- > **Mr Win Myat Aye**, Minister of the Union Ministry for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement (Republic of the Union of Myanmar)
- > **Mr Shuichi Ohno**, Executive Director of The Nippon Foundation (Japan)
- > **Ms Saima Wazed Hossain**, Chairperson of National Advisory Committee on Autism; Psychologist, Member of the World Health Organization Expert Advisory Panel on Mental Health (Bangladesh)
- > **Ms May Chidiac**, Founder of the May Chidiac Foundation, Lebanese journalist and winner of the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize in 2006 (Lebanon)
- > **Mr Klaus Miesenberger**, Professor, Institut Integriert Studieren, Johannes Kepler Universität Linz and International Conference on Computers Helping People with Special Needs, ICCHP (Austria)
- > **Mr Martin Babu Mwesigwa**, Member and Rapporteur of the Committee of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Former Deputy Executive Director and Head of Programmes at National Union of Disabled Persons of Uganda (Uganda)

## 16.15 – 17.15 UNESCO/EMIR JABER AL AHMAD AL JABER AL SABAH PRIZE FOR DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AWARD CEREMONY

- > Welcome remarks by a representative of the Director-General of UNESCO
- > Welcome address by the representative of the Government of the State of Kuwait
- > Prize lecture by **Professor Alireza Darvishy** (Switzerland)
- > Prize lecture by **Mr Pablo Lecuona**, President of Tiflonexos Asociación Civil (Argentina)

## 17.15 – 17.30 CULTURAL PROGRAMME

- Introduction by **Mr Nick Taussig**, British novelist and film producer (UK)
- > Screening of films – We Care Film Fest (5-7 films)

Musical performance of **Mr Christian Guyot**, French musician, composer and music teacher with hearing impairment, will accompany this event.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Arabic.

Live subtitling (velotype) from English to French will be provided.



The State of Kuwait



Celebration of the  
**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF  
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**  
“Achieving 17 Goals for the Future We Want”

In cooperation with  
The Nippon Foundation (Japan)



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AWARD CEREMONY

### Useful web links:

- > **Online registration is required for all participants (English and French)**  
<https://crm.unesco.org/local/?q=content/2-december-2016-achieving-17-goals-future-we-want>
- > **Event website in English**  
<http://en.unesco.org/prizes/digital-empowerment/2-december-event>
- > **Event website in French**  
<http://fr.unesco.org/prizes/digital-empowerment/2-december-event>
- > **UNESCO International Day of Persons with Disabilities**  
<http://www.unesco-ci.org/ict-pwd/>
- > **UNESCO/Emir Jaber Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah Prize for Digital Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities**  
<http://en.unesco.org/prizes/digital-empowerment>
- > **International Day of Persons with Disabilities**  
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/international-day-of-persons-with-disabilities-3-december/idpd2016.html>

## UNESCO/EMIR JABER AL AHMAD AL JABER AL SABAH PRIZE

### for Digital Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

**2 December 2016**  
14.30 p.m. – 17.30 p.m.

Major organizers of the event  
UNESCO in cooperation with  
Government of the State of Kuwait and  
The Nippon Foundation (Japan)

UNESCO Headquarters  
Room II  
125 Avenue de Suffren,  
75007 Paris, France

**Entrance for persons with disabilities only:**  
7, place de Fontenoy, 75007 Paris, France

## BACKGROUND

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) has been commemorated since 1992 to promote awareness and mobilize support for critical issues relating to the inclusion of persons with disabilities in society and development.

The Day works to promote action to raise awareness about disability issues and draw attention to the benefits of an inclusive and accessible society for all. Governments, UN agencies, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector are encouraged to partner with organizations of persons with disabilities to arrange events and activities to commemorate the Day.

## UNESCO'S RESPONSE

UNESCO's vision is the creation of knowledge societies that are inclusive, pluralistic, equitable, open and participatory for all citizens. As one of the UN system organizations, UNESCO contributes to the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Sustainable Development Agenda.

Since the adoption of the CRPD in 2006, UNESCO has undertaken a number of brave initiatives and targeted projects in order to promote disability rights through education, science, culture and communication and information.

### Partnership between UNESCO and The Nippon Foundation (Japan)

UNESCO and The Nippon Foundation signed a Partnership Agreement on 3 December 2015 with a firm commitment to promote access to the primary resources such as information and knowledge for individual empowerment, social engagement, economic growth and sustainable development of persons with disabilities in any society.

## THEME FOR 2016: Achieving 17 Goals for the Future We Want

The theme for this year's International Day is "Achieving 17 Goals for the Future We Want". This theme notes the recent adoption of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the role of these goals in building a more inclusive and equitable world for persons with disabilities.

The Day will take stock of progress since the adoption in 2006 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and will reflect on the 166 ratifications it has earned thus far. Events at the IDPD 2016 will emphasize efforts toward universal ratification of the CRPD, ideas for the continued advancement of the goals of the Convention, and reflection on the challenges that remain before CRPD's objectives can be fully realized. Additionally, this year's IDPD will pay a special attention to issues concerning accessibility and inclusion of persons with disabilities in the context of urban development.

## ABOUT THE PRIZE

### UNESCO/Emir Jaber Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah Prize for Digital Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

The Prize will be offered to an individual and an organization that have successfully undertaken a series of relevant projects and programmes, developed appropriate tools and resources, and enhanced co-operation and partnerships.

The Prize builds on "three thematic axes" of importance in UNESCO's work with persons with disabilities:

- formulating policy, advocacy, co-operation and partnerships;
- creating and developing digital solutions, enabling environments and processes, including tools and resources;
- building and strengthening capacities of people to create, adapt and use digital solutions in a cost efficient and sustainable manner.

## COMMEMORATION EVENT at UNESCO's Headquarters in Paris

### The objectives of this year's event at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris are to:

- Mark the 10-year anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and mobilize support for critical issues concerning sustainable and inclusive development of societies within the context of the SDGs;
- Recognize the outstanding contribution of individuals and organizations in promoting the inclusion and accessibility, and enhancing the lives of persons with disabilities through the application of digital solutions, resources and technologies;
- Present new and exciting projects initiated in 2016 by UNESCO and its partners for the empowerment of persons with disabilities to access information and knowledge using ICTs around the world; and,
- Learn from the past experiences of high-level speakers and discuss how existing barriers could be removed and needs of persons with disabilities reflected in sustainable and inclusive manner.

### The half day event will include:

- Award ceremony of the UNESCO/Emir Jaber Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah Prize for Digital Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and prize lectures;
- Launch of new and exciting initiatives by UNESCO and The Nippon Foundation with an aim to provide access to information and knowledge using ICTs for persons with disabilities. This work is built on the firm foundation institutionalized by UNESCO and The Nippon Foundation through a Partnership Agreement signed in December 2015;
- High-level panel discussion with high-level speakers and international experts working in the subject area;
- Demonstration of remarkable films about persons with disabilities – We Care Film Fest 2016.