

Commemoration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2022

**Transformative solutions for inclusive development: the role of innovation in fuelling an accessible and equitable world**

Monday, 5 December 2022, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Concept Note

**PREMISE**

Inspired by the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly opening on 13 September under the theme, “A watershed moment: transformative solutions to interlocking challenges and in recognition that the world is at a critical moment in the history of the United Nations, it is time to act and find joint solutions in building a more sustainable and resilient world for all and for the generations to come.

The complex and interconnected crises facing humanity today, including the shocks resulting

## BACKGROUND

The annual observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities

## FORMAT

The commemorative event will take place virtually via Zoom on Monday 5 December 2022 from 9am-12pm at the UN Headquarters in New York.

The event will kick off with an introductory plenary session followed by interactive dialogues which will focus on 3 key thematic areas in relation to innovation and transformative solutions for inclusive development, in which a variety of stakeholders will contribute with their expertise and insights.

There will also be an opportunity to open the floor for further discussion back in plenary.

## OUTCOME

To raise awareness and exchange good practices on the importance of innovation as a tool to increase the possibilities for persons with disabilities to both create and participate in employment by sharing knowledge, research and good examples of innovative and transformative solutions from the Private sector, the Public sector and the People (the 3Ps) and therefore reduce the gap of inequalities. It is hoped to help create a Network of Friends, facilitate partnerships and to make concrete contributions to current policy discourses and developments in the UN, including those during the forthcoming session of the Commission for Social Development (CSOCD 62) and the SDG Summit which will be held next year.