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Side-Events Program Invitation

Side-Event 1 The Accessible City Regulations and Universal Standards Accreditation System

Project Owner: World Disability Foundation (WDF)
Project Partners: Members of World Disability Union (WDU), Ministries, Universities
Place: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 2
Date: 13 September 2012
Time: 11:00-12:00

Opening Speech:

Metin Senturk, *President of the World Disability Union and the World Disability Foundation*

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Asli Sungur Ergenoglu

Speakers:

Necdet Ozturk: "A General View of Accessibility and the Accessible City Regulations"
Linnie Tse: "The Importance of Accessible Communities: Comparison of Canadian and International Standards"
Assoc. Prof. Asli Sungur Ergenoglu: "The Role of Universities in Achieving Healthy and Accessible Environments"
Assoc. Prof. Gulay Yedekci Arslan: "The Creation of Barrier-Free Cities According to the Accessible City Regulations and Making Turkey Fully Accessible"
Seniz Ozturk: "Universal Design Application to Transform a Tourism Complex to be Barrier-Free"
Ayhan Bahceli: "A Barrier-Free Basaksehir: An Example of Local Government Accessibility Implementation"
Ibrahim Yesilirmak: USTAD "Where Are We Going?"

The *Accessible City Regulations* was devised in light of Article 9 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Local government services and application geared toward persons with disabilities will be based on the *Accessible City Regulations*. The *Accessible City Regulations* was completed with the cooperation of pertinent institutions of 65 countries under World Disability Foundation coordination.

Some examples of best practices in public buildings, local government and the private sector (mall and hotel) completed according to the *Accessible City Regulations* will be presented.

The World Disability Foundation Universal Standard Certification (USTAD) and the World Disability Union Accreditation System will be presented.

Side-Event 2 World Report on Perceptions of Disability Workshop

Project Owner: World Disability Foundation (WDF)
Project Partners: Members of World Disability Union (WDU), Ministries, Universities
Place: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 2
Date: 13 September 2012
Time: 12:00-13:00

Schedule

Moderator: Prof. Akile Resid Gursoy

Speakers:

Necdet Ozturk: "Perceptions of Disability and the Transformation of Social Mentality"
Yasemin Yusufoff: "The Importance of the World Report on Perceptions of Disability"
Prof. Dr. Nedret Kuran Burcoglu: "The Role of and Expectations from Universities for the World Report on Perception of Disability"
Prof. Dr. Akile Resid Gursoy: "World Report on Perceptions of Disability Aims and Results"
Prof. Roy Hanes: "The Social Construction of Disability through Historical and Cross Cultural Lenses"
Betsy Valnes: "The Role of Individuals in Social Change and the Evolution of Human Understanding"
Lolita Gulimanoska: "The Effect of Perceptions of Disability on Human Psychology"

The World Report on Perceptions of Disability was prepared in accordance and within the framework of Article 8 of the UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The WDF has initiated a global study of perceptions toward disability and persons with disabilities, aiming to evaluate and improve perceptions of disabilities and persons with disabilities. The study will be realized by organizations and institutions of 65 countries, in partnership with universities. The proposed research methodology and outline will be presented at this side-event.

As the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities emphasizes the importance of raising awareness, the WDF and the WDU aim to join forces with the United Nations and other relevant international organizations to realize a comprehensive world report.