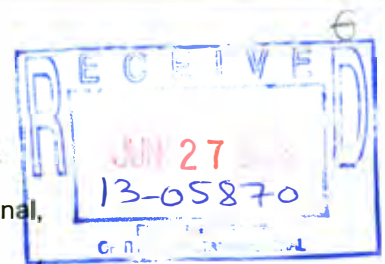


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INTERNATIONAL DISABILITY ALLIANCE (IDA)

Member Organizations:

Arab Organization of Disabled People, Disabled People's International,
Down Syndrome International, European Disability Forum,
Inclusion International, International Federation of Hard of Hearing People,
Latin American Network of Non-Governmental Organizations of Persons with
Disabilities and their Families, Pacific Disability Forum,
World Blind Union, World Federation of the Deaf,
World Federation of the DeafBlind,
World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry

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H.E. Mr. Jan Eliasson

Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations
New York

June 26, 2013

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Excellency,

On behalf of the International Disability Alliance (IDA), I would like to request a meeting with your Excellency. I will be available to meet you during the week of the annual Conference of States Parties to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in New York from 12 July to 19 July. IDA is a unique, international network of global and regional organizations of persons with disabilities and it represents an estimated 1 billion persons with disabilities worldwide. The aim of IDA is to promote the mainstreaming of disability worldwide, in particular within the UN system. A large delegation of IDA members, representing different disability constituencies and regions, will be in New York those days and this would allow some of my colleagues to also take part in a meeting with you. ✓

As you know, despite efforts made by many Member States, persons with disabilities are continuing to experience discrimination on the basis of their disability. The CRPD provides guidance on how to address discrimination of persons with disabilities, but its implementation is just beginning and it, along with the system-wide mainstreaming of disability rights, needs to be strongly supported by the UN system and Member States. IDA believes that your support as Deputy Secretary General is crucial to this process.

In particular, IDA would like to propose as the theme of discussion for the proposed meeting the upcoming 2013 High Level Meeting and its impact on the post-2015 process. IDA believes that the next post-2015 framework cannot be successful unless it is designed to be disability-inclusive. We would therefore like to explore with you the ways to mainstream disability throughout the UN and ensure that the rights of all persons living with disabilities worldwide are upheld throughout this process.

To further discuss these issues I have asked my New York based colleague (Orsolya Bartha, obartha@ida-secretariat.org, 212-672-1614) to contact your Secretariat. If you have any questions or would like to confirm your availability for this event, please contact her as well. Thank you very much for your kind attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Yannis Vardakastanis
Chair

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