



**High-Level Meeting of Women with Disabilities in Political and Public Leadership:
Towards Beijing+25ⁱ**

Wednesday, June 12, 3:00 – 6:00 pm	
UN Women, Conference Room DNB 19-19 / 19-20	
220 East 42nd Street, New York, NY	
2:30 -3:00 pm	Registration
3:00 -3:30 pm	<p>Item 1: Opening Remarks</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. María Soledad Cisternas Reyes, United Nations Secretary General’s Special Envoy on Disability and Accessibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa, President of the General Assembly • H.E. Ambassador Mr. Luis Gallegos, President of the twelfth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities • H.E. Ms. Gabriela Michetti, Vice-President of Argentina • Ms. Åsa Regnér, Deputy Executive Director and Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ambassador Mr. Martín García Moritán Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations. • H.E. Ambassador Mr. Jukka Salovaara, Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations
3:30- 3:40 pm	<p>Item 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Photo
3:40 – 5.30 pm	<p>Item 3: Women leaders</p> <p>A) Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Public Services and Procurement and Accessibility, Ottawa, Canada <p>B) Women leaders adopt and sign the declaration and recommendations (Photos)</p> <p>C) Statements in alphabetical order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Alexia Manombe-Ncube, Deputy Minister at Office of the President Namibia • Ms. Catalina Devandas*, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities • Ms. Eeva Tupi, Executive Director of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD), and Human Rights Advisor at The Finnish League for Human Rights (virtual participation) • Ms. Gertrude Fefoame, Global Advocacy Adviser – Social Inclusion, Sightsavers and Member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of United Nations • Ms. Liisa Kauppinen. World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) Honorary President and Former President and United Nations Human Rights Prize Awardee (2013) • H.E. Ms. Ljupka Mihajovska, Member of Parliament of the Republic of Serbia (virtual participation) • H.E. Ms. Mara Cristina Gabriilli. Federal Senator of Brazil and Member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of United Nations • Ms. Miyeon Kim, Advisor to the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family,

	<p>Korea and Member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of United Nations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Montserrat Vilarrasa. Secretary of the Assembly of Human Rights Montserrat Trueta and Member for Intellectual Disability at the City Council of Barcelona. • Ms. Rosangela Berman, Chief, Disability Section, UNICEF • Ms. Stephanie Ortolova, Founding President and Executive Director of Women Enabled International (WEI) • Ms. Yetnebersh Nigussie, Senior Inclusion Advisor to Light of the World, and Alternative Nobel Prize (2017) • H.E. Emma Harriet Nicholson, United Kingdom Prime Minister’s Trade Envoy to Azerbaijan, Iraq, Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan (granted consent to sign) • Ms. Judith Heumann, International Disability Rights Advocate, and Former Special Advisor for International Disability Rights at the U.S. Department of State (granted consent to sign) • Ms. Risnawati Utami, Disability Rights Adviser OHANA Indonesia and Member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of United Nations (granted consent to sign) <p><i>*Catalina Devandas will join the event, after a presentation in a panel at the 12th Session of the Conference of States Parties.</i></p>
5:30 – 6:00 pm	<p>Item 4: Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ximena Rivas Asenjo, National Director, National Service for Disability (SENADIS), Ministry of Social Development and Family, Chile. • Ms. Ana Lucía Arellano, President of International Disability Alliance. • Ms. Akiko Ito, Chief of the Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

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