

LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND – inclusion in the labour market – counting and documenting it all

Side event at the 11th Conference of State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities



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In many high income countries efforts have been made to include persons with disabilities for decades, sometimes with success and sometimes with less success. In low income countries the experience is that persons with disabilities are among the most marginalized and excluded from the labour market.

It does not have to be like that. Improvements are needed in terms of assessing, demonstrating and improving inclusion of persons with disabilities in policies, programs and development initiatives. In order to be successful we need to find new ways to ensure equal participation in all aspects of life. That cannot be done without data and documentation showing what works.

Minister for Children and Social Affairs, Mrs. Mai Mercado, will be hosting the side event. The Minister will highlight how the Danish Government works deliberately and systematically to include persons with disabilities in the labour market, and hereby contributing to implement the CRPD and the SDG's in accordance with the principle of leaving no one behind.

Time will be allocated for discussion while International Sign interpretation, CART, and light refreshments will be provided.

Speakers: [H.E. Mai Mercado](#), Minister for Children and Social Affairs, Denmark, [Honourable Alzouma Maiga Idriss](#), Chairperson, African Disability Forum, [Jürgen Menze](#), Disability Inclusion Officer, International Labour Organization

Moderator and welcoming remarks: [Hanne Stig Andersen](#), Head of Department, Ministry for Children and Social Affairs, Denmark

Concluding remarks: [Honourable Thorkild Olesen](#), Chairperson, Disabled Peoples Organizations, Denmark and European Disability Forum

