**“Are we Inclusive Enough? A discussion on Disability Inclusive Development”**\*Please save your file with the name of your event title

# Side Event: 10th Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development

# *Example: March 30, 8:00 – 9:15 GMT+7*

# *Add room number (for in-person side events) or meeting link (for virtual side events)*

# Organizer(s)

# World Vision International (WVI)

# Co-organizer(s)

# Pacific Disability Forum

ASEAN Disability Forum

Disability Rights Fund

# Registration

*Example:* To register for this side event, please use <https://worldvision.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oHiM4rcpT5q_CYH5SNb79w>

# Background

Central to the 2030 Agenda is a commitment to inclusion with its pledge that ‘no one will be left behind’. It is crucial that the specific concerns of persons with disabilities are mainstreamed across the entire 2030 Agenda framework and considered across all targets of SDGs. The global crisis caused by the Covid-19 pandemic has unwinded development gains and exacerbated pre-existing inequalities, leaving most vulnerable, more at risk of exclusion. People with disabilities are one of the most excluded groups in our societies and are among the hardest hit by the pandemic. Furthermore, the COVID – 19 crises have only amplified the already existing marginalization of women and girls with disabilities, youths with disabilities, and older persons with disabilities who experience further vulnerabilities due to their gender and intersecting inequalities. A disability-inclusive, gendered response is much required to engage women with disabilities in efforts by the governments and other relevant stakeholders to mitigate the effects of the crises and strengthen the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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In keeping with the theme of this APFSD on accelerating recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and aligning with this year’s APFSD’s focus on SDG 11 among others, this side event will explore the pre-conditions, good practices towards inclusion and key recommendations to support partners/countries in creating, developing, and implementing Disability Inclusive Development.

# Key Questions and Outcomes

This side event will examine the following key guiding questions:

1. What are the pre-conditions, good practices towards inclusion and key recommendations to support partners/countries in creating, developing, and implementing Disability Inclusive Development?
2. What are the challenges faced by girls, women and people with disability in terms of access to clean water during COVID 19 pandemic? And how can it be sustainably addressed?
3. How can social accountability lead to improved WASH services as essential

element of COVID 19 recovery?

1. How can civil society effectively partner with governments to ensure access to WASH services to be prepared for timely and effective responses in emergencies?

# Programme

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| Opening |
| Moderator: Kathrine Yee, Regional Advocacy Director, WVI-SAP | **-Welcome of participants and interactive session using Zoom annotate feature****- sharing of Side Event Guiding Questions** | **10 mins****8:00-8:10** |
| Panel Session:Moderator: Sarah Bearup, COO, WVI SAP |
| Speaker 1: Pacific Disability Forum (Name TBC) | Topic: Pre-conditions of inclusion (10 mins) | Panel Discussion:45 Mins8:10-8:55 |
| Speaker 2: World Vision PNG (TBC) | Topic: Lessons learned from Water, Women and Disability social accountability approach (10 mins) |
| Speaker 3: PNG Local CSO (TBC) | Topic: Effectively engaging PWDs in raising consciousness on rights to water of marginalized population (15 mins with video) |
| Speaker 4: Janes Ginting – WV Cambodia | Topic: good practices on civil society effective partner with governments to ensure access to WASH services to be prepared for timely and effective responses in emergencies (10 mins) |
| Interactive Session | Topic: participants can post using jamboard other examples of good practices, innovations on inclusion. The product will be shared to all registered participants. | 15 mins8:55-9:10 |
| Closing |
| Villaney RemengesauCo-Chair- Pacific Disability Forum | Closing Message: Summarize the action points based on the Panel Discussion | 5 mins9:10-9:15 |

*\*As a multi-stakeholder event, the APFSD Secretariat strongly encourages inclusion of multiple groups of stakeholders as panelists and speakers. If you would like suggestions or connections to potential representatives from constituencies of the Asia Pacific Regional CSOs Engagement Mechanism (AP-RCEM) or ESCAP Sustainable Business Network (ESBN) please contact us at escap-apfsd@un.org.*

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