

**CELEBRATING THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES ANNIVERSARY:
WHAT HAVE WE ACHIEVED, WHY IS IT IMPORTANT, WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

When: December 13th, 2021

Time: 12pm to 1:30pm (EST)

Where: Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88965861861>

CART, ASL and ISL will be provided

The event will be held in English, with French simultaneous translation provided

1. Celebrating the UN CRPD Anniversary: what have we achieved, why is it important, what does it mean? (30 minutes)

Facilitator: Steven Estey

- Opening remarks CRPD 15th Anniversary
 - *Hon. Chantal Petitclerc*, Senator, Former Paralympic athlete
 - *Janet Lord*, Harvard University Project on Disability & Senior Advisor to the UN Special Rapporteur on Disability Rights
 - *Andrew Begg*, (New Zealand), chair of the Ad hoc committee special advisor to the UN Security Council, former EA to Amb. Don MaKay
 - *Steven Estey*, Former Human Rights Officer at Disabled People's International & Former Advisor to the Government of Canada during the drafting of the CRPD from 2002-2006.
- The experience with the CRPD and in the meaning for families of children with disabilities
 - *Rachel Martens*, Stakeholder Engagement Strategist Kids Brain Health Network, Co-lead Advisory Council "Nothing without Us" project

2. Applying the UN CRPD to the COVID-19 pandemic: an illustrative case of how we can use the UN CRPD as a framework for analysis and to help identifying the needs of persons with disabilities during the pandemic and in the recovery process (30 minutes)

Facilitator: Keiko Shikako

- Introduction from the *Nothing Without Us: COVID-19 Policy Responses to Improve the Mental Health of Youth with Disabilities and their Families* Advisory Council (5 minutes)

- Perspectives of Families of Youth with Disabilities During COVID (5 minutes)
Ash Seth, Research Associate for Director of Health Policy at The School of Public Policy and an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Kinesiology, University of Calgary
- Analysis of Canadian Policies During COVID and Relations to the CRPD Bridge the Gap Indicators (5 minutes)
Keiko Shikako, PhD, OT, Associate Professor, Canada Research Chair in Childhood Disability: Participation and Knowledge Translation, McGill University School of Physical and Occupational Therapy
- WHO Report on Developmental Disabilities (5 minutes)
Mayada Elsabbagh, PhD, Associate Professor, McGill University Psychiatry Department, Transforming Autism Care Network Director
- Statistics Canada Survey on Families of Children with Disabilities During COVID-19 (5 minutes)
Rubab Arim, Chief Social Analysis and Modelling Division, Analytical Studies, Methodology and Statistical Infrastructure Field, Statistics Canada, Government of Canada
- Using the CRPD and UN and WHO Disability Guidance for Research and Policy Analysis During the COVID-19 Pandemic: International COVID-19 Disability Policies (5 minutes)
Raphael Lencucha, PhD, Associate Professor, McGill University School of Physical and Occupational Therapy, Global Health in Rehabilitation

3. Dialogue (30 minutes)

During the dialogue, we will open a discussion about the significance of the CRPD signing, and the potential of using this framework for research and policy.

The Dialogue goals are:

- To generate discussions across stakeholders and sectors on the applications of the CRPD, the experiences during the pandemic, and ways to move forward for the disability community.
- To connect decision-makers across sectors in discussing implementation solutions and strategies to improve the mental health of children with disabilities
- To inform decision-makers about priorities and challenges identified by children with disabilities and their families.
- To present research-based evidence addressing the challenges identified.

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