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25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION FOR THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (CIADDIS)

BALANCE OF PROGRESS IN PROMOTING THE INCLUSION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE AMERICAS

June 10, 2024

United Nations Headquarters-NY, Conference Room 12

3:00 p.m.- 4:15 p.m.

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The Organization of American States (OAS) through its Department of Social Inclusion (DIS), and the Inter-American Committee for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (CEDDIS), are pleased to invite you to the Panel Discussion "***25th Anniversary Of The Adoption Of The Inter-American Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (CIADDIS): Balance of progress in promoting the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the Americas***" on the occasion of the celebration of the 17th Conference of the States Parties to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

This event aims to provide an opportunity to reflect on progress made, lessons learned in the past 25 years, and to promote equity and full participation of persons with disabilities in all aspects of society and development.

A panel of high-level experts will share current initiatives at regional level aimed at eliminating barriers to the inclusion of persons with disabilities.

Issues to be addressed:

1. synergies between the Committee for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (CEDDIS) and the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).
2. Handbook on supports and safeguards for the full exercise of legal capacity by persons with disabilities.
3. Indicators to measure the progress of the region for the full inclusion of people with disabilities.

4. Regional Observatory of Persons with Disabilities

Speakers:

- **Iris González de Valenzuela**, President of the Committee for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (CEDDIS) and Director of the National Secretariat of Disability in Panama.
- **Betilde Munoz-Pogossian**, Director of the Department of Social Inclusion of the OAS.
- **María Soledad Cisternas**, Former Special Envoy of the United Nations in Disability and Accessibility. Former President of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- **Raúl Montiel**. President of Saraki Foundation.
- **Juan Angel de Gouveia**, President of the Latin American Network of NGOs of Persons with Disabilities and Their Families (RIADIS).

Moderator:

- **Mercedes Carrillo**, Legal Officer of the Department of Social Inclusion of the OAS.