



Implementing the SDGs and CRPD :
Commonwealth Disabled People's Perspective
COSP13 On-Line Side Meeting 8.30-9.45 am EST
Friday 4th December 2020
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Chair Sarah Kamau, Kenya, Acting Chair CDPF

Speakers: Diana Samarasan, Disability Rights Fund

Layne Robinson, Commonwealth Secretariat

Richard Rieser, UK, General Secretary CDPF

Dr Sruti Mohapatra, India, Acting Vice Chair CDPF

Thandi Mfulo, South Africa, Vice Chair CDPF

Abia Akram, Pakistan, Women's Officer CDPF

Nathalie Murphy, Caribbean, EC Member CDPF

Dickson Mveyange, Tanzania, Deaf Rep. CDPF

Michael Njenga, Kenya, M. H. Survivors Rep. CDPF

Emile Gouws, South Africa, Neurodiversity Rep. CDPF

June Rimer, Australia, Indigenous People's Rep. CDPF

Ricard Boden, UK, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

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The Commonwealth Disabled Peoples Forum (CDPF) relaunched in June 2019 at COSP 12 after 6 years of inactivity with the aim of building a strong representative, disability organisation of DPOs across the 54 Commonwealth countries. Now with 76 Member DPOs in 46 of the 54 Commonwealth Countries the CDPF is beginning to make its mark with a strong Executive Committee, well developed policies, strong communication strategy and a strong response to the position of disabled people under the Covid-19 pandemic.

The meeting will hear from representative of the Commonwealth, FCO, the Executive, our funders the DRF and the CDPF Executive members on how the CDPF has addressed current issues and is planning to go forward to Commonwealth Heads of Government in June 2021 in Rwanda and beyond to develop a real impetus to implement the UNCRPD and the SDGs. The meeting will also hear about the plans for on-line capacity building and empowerment of disabled people. With time for Questions.