Commonwealth Disabled People’s Forum (CDPF)

*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*

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***Jimmy Innes*** *ADD International Fiscal Partner CDPF*

***Ricard Boden,*** *UK, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office*

***Sarah and Richard Questions and closing Remarks***

*International Sign Language Interpretation and Captioning will be available*

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 it's 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.

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