Regional High-level Consultation on Disability under the theme
“The way forward: a disability-inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond”

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Date: April 11th and 12th, 2013
Venue: Sheraton World Trade Center, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

DRAFT PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Day One: April 11th, 2013
8:30 a.m. Registration
09:30 a.m. Opening: Setting the stage for a disability-inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond
10:30 a.m. Agenda and aims of the meeting
11:00 a.m. Break
11:30 a.m. Panel 1 – Overview of the situation for people with disabilities and the main challenges to achieving the aspirations of the CRPD and achievement of other international development goals for people with disabilities.

For discussion:
- Clarity around the situation for people with disability globally and the impact on poverty reduction and achievement of development goals.
- What does the evidence tell us about the major barriers and challenges to access and inclusion for people with disabilities?

12:30 p.m. Lunch
13:30 p.m. Panel 2 – What progress has been made and what works in achieving disability-inclusive development.

For discussion:
- What progress has been made in mainstreaming disability in national/regional development agendas
- Where are we seeing strong progress towards inclusive development and what are the critical success factors driving that change?
- What are good practice examples from different settings?
- How is the DPO community evolving and how are they influencing development efforts?
3:00 p.m.  Break

3:30 p.m.  Panel 3 – What are the desired outcomes of the High-level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on Disability and Development in September 2013?

For discussion:
- What are possible concrete actions that can be agreed on when Heads of State and Government meet in September 2013, with a particular focus on the developmental challenges faced by low- and middle-income countries?

5:00 p.m.  Preliminary conclusions: "What have we heard today?"

5:30 p.m.  Meeting adjourns (first day)

8:00 p.m.  Dinner

Day two: April 12th, 2013

9:00 a.m.  Panel 4 – What are the priorities for action and the key messages?

For discussion:
- How can the HLM identify key priorities for action that would make a significant difference to the maximum number of people with disability?
- What key messages should be delivered to the High-level Meeting of the UN General Assembly on Disability and Development (September 2013) and next steps to be taken in the Americas?

10:30 a.m.  Break

11:00 a.m.  Panel 5 – What are the roles of relevant stakeholders?

For discussion:
- How civil society, organizations of persons with disabilities, international organizations, development agencies, Academia, and the private sector can foster disability-inclusive development?
- How can they support mainstreaming disability into development efforts?

12:30 a.m.  Lunch and press conference

1:30 p.m.  Discussion on next steps to be taken in the region

2:30 p.m.  Closing Session

3:30 p.m.  Meeting adjourns