**Creation of the African Disability Forum (ADF)**

**Launch Meeting, 17-19 November 2014, UNCC Conference Room 6, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

**PROGRAMME**

Meeting Chair: Mr. Shuaib Chalklen, UN Special Rapporteur on Disability  
Meeting Rapporteur: Mr. Bob Ransom, ADF Interim Working Group (IWG) Facilitator

(Simultaneous Interpretation provided English-French)

**Day One, Monday, 17 November 2014**

9:00am Registration at Conference Room 6

9:30am First Session – Opening of Meeting  
Welcome – Mr. Shuaib Chalklen, UN Special Rapporteur on Disability  
Message – Mr. Eric Guozhong Zhang, Social Affairs Officer, Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), UN New York  
Message – Prof. Takyiwaa Manuh, Director, Social Development Policy Division, UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)  
Message – Mr. Lefhoko Kesamang, Senior Social Welfare Officer, Department of Social Affairs, African Union Commission (AUC)  
Message – Ms. Vanessa dos Santos, Representing the International Disability Alliance (IDA) and President, Down Syndrome International (DSI)  
Message – Mr. Thomas Ongolo, Programme Manager, African Disability Alliance (ADA)  
Message – Ms. Jeanette Kah Le Guil, Representing the Consortium of African Diasporas in the United States for the Social and Economic Inclusion of People with Disabilities (CADUS)

Introduction of participants

10:30am Break

11:00am First Session continued  
Introduction of meeting objectives and programme  
Presentation of the proposed ADF by IWG members  
General Discussion

12:30pm Lunch at UNCC

2:00pm Second Session  
Presentation of ADF proposed membership and governance structure - IWG

3:30pm Break
4:00pm Second Session continued
Feedback, Discussion, Decision

5:00pm End of Day One

Day Two, Tuesday, 18 November 2014

9:00am Third Session
Presentation on the proposed Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals – Eric Guozhong Zhang, UNDESA

9:30am Presentation of draft ADF Constitution/Statutes - IWG

10:30am Break

11:00am Third Session continued
Feedback, Discussion

12:00noon Lunch at UNCC

2:00pm Fourth Session
Presentation of ADF program priorities and working methods, proposed location for ADF office, recruitment procedures, provisional financial arrangements

3:30pm Break

4:00pm Fourth Session continued
Feedback, Discussion

5:00pm End of Day Two

Day Three, Wednesday, 19 November 2014

9:00am Fifth Session
Convening of formative ADF General Assembly (separate agenda)
Formal adoption of ADF Constitution/Statutes

10:30am Break

11:00am Fifth Session continued – Closing of Meeting
Election of provisional ADF Council
Next steps

12noon End of Day Three, Lunch at UNCC

Afternoon – Free
(preparation of Media Release by small bi-lingual committee – no interpretation required)