



## COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Day of General Discussion on "The Right to equal recognition before the law"

OHCHR, Palais des Nations, Assembly Hall

Geneva, 21 October 2009

### Programme ( DRAFT)

10:00-10:10 Opening remarks:

- Mr. Mohammed Al-Tarawneh, Chairperson, CRPD

10:10-10:20 Introductory statement:

- Mr. Ibrahim Salama, Chief, Human Rights Treaty Bodies Branch

10:20-10:45 Key note speaker:

- Prof. Amita Dhanda, OHCHR Consultant on article 12 of the CRPD

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-13:00 Working group I:

**Working group 1: The legal contents of the right to equal recognition before the law**

**Chairperson:** Mr. Monsur Choudhury, Member, CRPD

**Resource person:** German Xavier Torres Correa, Vice-Chair, CRPD

**Brief Submissions:** Participants

- Open discussions

**Rapporteurs:** Ms. Edah Maina, Vice-Chair, CRPD

Mr. Ron McCallum, Rapporteur, CRPD

This group will focus upon the contents of the right to equal recognition before the law, in particular (but not exclusively) on the following issues: Construction of legal capacity; Identity and Agency; Universal legal capacity; Reservations to article 12; Scope of the right to equal recognition before the law and its linkage with other rights.

13:00-15:00 Lunch break



**15:00-16:15 Working groups II:**

**Working group 2: Practical measures necessary to implement the obligation to promote the right to equal recognition before the law**

**Chairperson:** Ms. Jia Yang, Vice-Chair, CRPD

**Resource person:** (Maria Soledad Cisternas Reyes, CRPD member)

**Brief Submissions:** Participants

**-Open Discussions**

**Rapporteurs:** Mr. Georgy Konczi, CRPD member  
Ms. Amna Al Suwedi, Rapporteur, CRPD

This group will focus on the challenges of the normative incorporation of the right to equal recognition before the law; the challenges of the effective implementation of the obligations arising under article 12; Implementation of the state obligation to “take appropriate measures to provide access by persons with disabilities to the support they may require in exercising their legal capacity”; Practical measures to implement state obligation to ensure disabled people right to “own or inherit property, to control their own financial affairs and to have equal access to bank loans, mortgages and other forms of financial credit”; The role of the independent and impartial review authority under article 12(4), and other possible safeguards.

**16:15-16:30 Break**

**16:30-17:00 Working groups II (Continued)**

**17:00-17:15 Break**

**17:15 - 17:35 Presentation by Rapporteurs of Working Group conclusions**

**17:35-17:45 Concluding comments:** Lofti Ben Lallohom, Ana Pelaez, Cveto Ursic - Members, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

**17:45-17:55 Closing remarks:** Mr. M. Al-Tarawneh, Chairperson, CRPD