

Access to assistive technology and rehabilitation services in humanitarian settings

Side event on the occasion of the 77 World Health Assembly

Co-hosts: Governments of Pakistan and Ireland, and the UN Interagency Task Force on Prevention and Control of NCDs

Venue: Nations Business Center, Rue du Pré-de-la-Bichette 1, 1201 Genève.

Date and time: Wednesday 29 May 2024, 18:00-20.00 CET (Geneva)

18:00-18:30 – Arrival, light refreshments

18:30-19:40 – Programme

19:40-20:00 – Networking, light refreshments

Programme

Welcome and introduction

Dr Svetlana Akeselrod, Director, Global NCD Platform, World Health Organization

Short film: Journey Beyond the Rubble, from the Independent Doctors Association (2024 Grand Prix winner of the WHO 2024 Health for All Film Festival)

Opening remarks / key notes:

Ambassador Bilal Ahmad, Permanent Representative of Pakistan

Ambassador Noel White, Permanent Representative of Ireland

Dr Hanan Balkhy, Regional Director, Eastern Mediterranean Region, World Health Organization

Video message

Firoz Alizada, Implementation Officer, Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and Co-Founder Afghan Landmine Survivors' Organization

Panel discussion addressing key issues and strategies

Kylie Shae, Team Lead, Access to Assistive Technology, WHO (moderator)

Dr Victoria Austin, Director, Global Disability Innovation Hub WHO Collaborating Centre for Assistive Technology Research

Eric Wunderlich, Consultant Manager, Healthcare and Disability Programs, Latter-day Saint Charities

Alberta Rockson, Co-Chair, Emergencies Workstream, World Rehabilitation Alliance

Closing remarks

Dr Malik Muhammad Safi, Advisor, Ministry of National Health Services Regulations and Coordination



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