



#CSW68 Our agenda too: Women with disabilities advocating for rights-based & inclusive systems of care & support



Tuesday 19 March, 8.30-10am EDT
Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice
320 E 43rd St New York

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*This is an in-person event. Registration is mandatory & will close on Sunday 17 March at 11.59pm.

Accessibility: International Sign interpretation, captioning in real-time (CART), wheelchair accessible



On the margins of CSW68, this event seeks to unpack the systemic disadvantage and overlapping barriers that push women and girls with disabilities into poverty, and to frame this within the collective struggle against gender inequality and economic injustice. Women with disabilities will highlight their work at the national level advocating to reform social protection systems and support services, sharing their experiences as contributors to their communities and economies; as providers and receivers of care and support, both paid and unpaid, and as agents of change. [Full concept note for the event available at: bit.ly/3wNwsig](https://bit.ly/3wNwsig)

Co-organisers: Disability Rights Fund/Disability Rights Advocacy Fund (DRF/DRAF), UN Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD), Ford Foundation

Co-sponsors: Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID), Center for Inclusive Policy, International Disability Alliance, Women Enabled International, OHCHR, UNICEF, Mexico, USA, Finland, UK.

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Program

Moderators:

Monica Aleman (Ford Foundation), Catherine Hyde-Townsend (Ford Foundation) & Mina Mojtahedi (UN Disability Inclusion Team, Executive Office of the Secretary General)

Opening remarks: Ambassador Lisa Carty (US), Alicia Herbert OBE (UK's Special Envoy for Gender Equality- via video message), Finland

Speakers:

- Beatrice Mahmood, Voice of Women and Children with Disabilities in Ghana
- Ati Maulin, Indonesian Mental Health Association
- Zainab Mustapha, Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities of Nigeria (JONAPWD)
- Alberto Vásquez Encalada, Center for Inclusive Policy
- Gopal Mitra, UNICEF
- Faye Macheke, Co-Executive Director, Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID)
- Mukhabbat Rakhimova, Sharoit-Plus Uzbekistan (video message)

Closing remarks: Mexico, Asako Hattori (OHCHR), Natalia Mattioli (UNPRPD Technical Secretariat)