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**“The Role of Technology and Digital
Innovation in Supporting the Reproductivity
and Reaching of Persons with Disabilities:
The Qatari Vision in Achieving Goals.”**

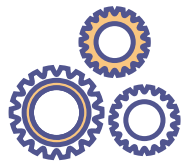
***On the Sidelines of the 16th Session of the Conference of
States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons
with Disabilities (COSP16)***

THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2023

1:15-2:30 PM (New York time)

Conference Room CR7

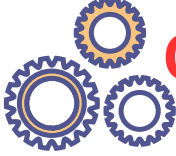
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Background

People with disabilities have received growing global interest with regard to details of their integration in public life and providing them with a productive, dignified livelihood that enables them to live independently and enjoy full capacity on an equal basis with other human beings. While there have been efforts to integrate them into society, such efforts, however, have failed to realize the ambition of achieving full integration and remain insufficient to meet basic human needs, particularly in the field of health.

In accordance with this analysis, the State of Qatar, represented by the Ministry of Social Development and the Family, the upcoming host of the Fourth Global Disability Summit in 2028, has found a unique relevance in seeking a new path and a new dimension that support the priority theme of the 16th session of the Arab Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities for this year and that are related to supporting the reproductivity of persons with disabilities. The use of technology and digital innovation may prove to be the most crucial support tool for supporting these efforts.

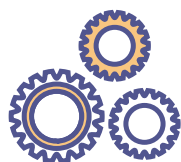


Objectives

In view of the apparent difficulty in establishing a link between technology and reproductive health for persons with disabilities, this side event will aim to highlight the importance of statistics, technical research, digitization, and informatics in supporting reproductive health for persons with disabilities in three proposed areas:

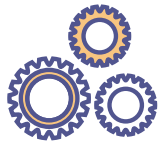
- Establishing national health databases to diagnose the reproductive health capacity of members of that group;
- The role of scientific research in reducing infertility margins and raising reproductive levels;
- The role of social welfare and its digitized tools in promoting and reaching that group, by raising public awareness of their rights and capacity to establish healthy and productive families capable of contributing to societies with healthy and productive people;
- Promoting the Arab Decade and classification of Persons with Disabilities





Expected Outcomes

- Increased understanding of the potential of technology and digital innovation in supporting reproductive health for persons with disabilities.
- Identification of best practices and strategies for establishing national health databases for persons with disabilities.
- Greater awareness of the impact of scientific research on reducing infertility margins and increasing reproductive levels.
- Identification of effective methods for promoting social welfare through digitized tools to support the reproductive health of persons with disabilities.
- Increased collaboration and partnerships between stakeholders to support the reproductive health and wellness of persons with disabilities.
- This side event will demonstrate the potential of technology and digital innovation in supporting the reproductive health and wellness of persons with disabilities. The outcomes of this event will contribute to a greater understanding of the challenges and opportunities in this field and will inform the development of effective strategies and policies to support the reproductive health of persons with disabilities.



TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

- **Welcome Remarks** 5 minutes

H.E. Alya Ahmed bin Saif Al Thani, *Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations*

- **Key Note Speakers** 20 minutes

H.E. Ms. Mariam bint Ali bin Nasser Al-Misnad, *Minister of Social Development and Family*

Mr. Li Junhua, *Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs*

H.E. Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, *Arab League's Assistant Secretary General and Head of Social Affairs Sector*

Dr. Vladimir Cuk, *Executive Director, International Disability Alliance*

- **Panelists** 20 minutes

Mr Werner Obermeyer, *Director External Relations, WHO Office at the UN*

Mr. Ghanim Al-Muftah, *Qatari Social Activist*

Ms. María Soledad Cisternas Reyes, *Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Disability and Accessibility*

- **Interactive Panel discussion** 15 minutes

Moderator

Dr. John Wilmoth, *Director of the United Nations Population Division*