

## PHILIPPINE SIDE EVENT FOR THE 18TH CONFERENCE OF STATE PARTIES

11 June 2025, 1:15-2:30pm, Conference Room 7, UNHQ, New York City

### CONCEPT NOTE

#### ***“Innovative Financing on Care Economy, Social Protection and Participation of Persons with Disabilities in the Formal Economy”***

Background:

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities obliges State Parties to promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent dignity.

In line with the 18th COSP’s Sub-theme on “Empowering Persons with Disabilities and Enhancing Social Development Policies through Innovative Financing,” the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) of the Philippines is holding the side event *Innovative Financing on Care Economy, Social Protection and Participation of Persons with Disabilities in the Formal Economy*. Undoubtedly, health care financing, social protection and economic participation are all crucial, inter-related and complementary to facilitating economic empowerment of persons with disabilities.

The side event will be a platform to discuss government initiatives on health care financing, social protection and transitioning persons with disabilities enterprises in the formal economy as part of the inclusive development economic agenda. More importantly, it will highlight the engagement and contribution of persons with disabilities in those initiatives and their participation in the establishment of disability markets. It will also present good practices and challenges from co-sponsoring Member States and civil society organizations.

The side event hopes to inform government planning processes and implementation strategies on health, social protection and market-driven economic participation of persons with disabilities in the formal economy.

**Objectives:**

1. To discuss initiatives and good practices on care economy, social protection and formal labor market participation of persons with disabilities
2. To identify innovation and strategies in transitioning persons with disabilities from the informal to the formal economy

**PROPOSED PROGRAM**

Introduction (5 minutes)

Panel Discussion:

**Topic 1:** Disability Social Protection Framework: The Philippine Experience of a Whole of Nation Approach

Resource Person: Assistant Secretary Elaine Falarcuna, Department of Social and Welfare Development

**Topic 2:** Monitoring Social Development and Inclusion at the Local Level

Resource Person: Ms. Elizabeth Lockwook, Representative in the UN, CBM Global Disability Inclusion

**Topic 3:** Fostering International Partnership and Cooperation.

Resource Person: Mr. Dirk Platzen, Director, GEDSI Multilateral Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Canberra, Australia

**Topic 4:** Organization of persons with Disabilities and Government Partnerships on fabrication of Wheelchair for Children with Disabilities made of Rattan.

Resource Person: Engr. Darlito Palermo, Davao Del Norte Person with Disability Association

Open Forum: 25 minutes