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# Joint G3ict/DCAD Workshop Multi-Stakeholder Engagement: Imperative for Web Accessibility

**Tuesday, September 2, 2014**

**9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.   
Workshop Room 1**

Persons with disabilities and older persons represent an average of 15% of any country's population. Most IGF members involved in promoting Internet usage in their respective countries face challenges of low levels of Internet adoption amongst these groups.  The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) is the first Human Rights Treaty of this millennium. A majority of countries participating in IGF have also ratified the CRPD which compels governments to implement policies that promote accessibility and encourage usage of the Internet amongst persons with disabilities.

Global surveys have demonstrated that a critical success factor for implementation is the multi-stakeholder participation in policy making.  Based on those findings and the mandates of the CRPD, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Global Initiative for Inclusive ICTs (G3ict) have just released model policies for ICT accessibility that place strong emphasis and suggest specific processes to developing policies based upon multi-stakeholder engagement.

The joint G3ict/DCAD workshop will be reporting on good practices and global data on multi-stakeholder engagement which demonstrate how such engagement can lead to better planning, implementation and results. The workshop will also discuss how multi-stakeholder engagement can be equally effective at both the international and national level, based upon the experiences of international agencies and standard development organizations such as ITU, G3ict, W3C, WIPO and UNESCO.

**Moderator:**

* **Andrea Saks,** International Telecommunications Specialist for the Deaf, Chairman ITU JCA-AHF (Joint Coordinating Activity on Accessibility and Human Factors), Coordinator IGF DCAD (Dynamic Coalition on Accessibility and Disability)

**Speakers:**

* *Multi-stakeholder involvement in e-accessibility policy development among States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*: **Francesca Cesa Bianchi**, Vice President, Institutional Relations, G3ict, Global Initiative for Inclusive ICTs
* *Multi-stakeholder cooperation, a cornerstone of the ITU-G3ict E-Accessibility Model Policies for States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities:* **Susan Schorr**, Head, Special Initiatives Division, Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), ITU(remote speaker)
* *Participation of persons with disabilities in Standards development activities:* **Gerry Ellis***,*  ITU representative at the Joint Technical Advisory Group (JTAG) for the revision of the ISO/IEC Guide 71 (remote speaker)
* *Regulatory perspective on e-accessibility for persons with disabilities - The Turkish Experience:* **Özgür Fatih Akpinar**, Head of Department for Consumer Rights, Information and Communications Technologies Authority
* *Perspective of the Turkish Disability Community in contributing to the development of e-accessibility policies and programs:* **Mehmet Emin Demirci**, Vice-President, Confederation of the Disabled in Turkey; former President, Turkish Federation of the Blind; Board Member, EBU (European Blind Union)
* *Perspective from Industry, opportunities for multi-stakeholders cooperation involving the private sector:* **Nasser Kettani**, Chief Technology Officer, Middle East and Africa, Microsoft

**Remote moderator:**

* **Peter Major**, Special Advisor to the Permanent Mission of Hungary to the UN in Geneva; DCAD Co-Coordinator

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* [DCAD webpage](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/accessibility/dcad/Pages/IGF-2014.aspx)

**About DCAD**

The Dynamic Coalition on Accessibility and Disability, established by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), facilitates interaction and ensures that ICT accessibility is included in the key debates around Internet Governance in order to build a future where all sectors of the global community have equal access to the Information Society. DCAD has organized workshops and activities at IGF events.   
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**About G3ict**

G3ict – the Global Initiative for Inclusive Information and Communication Technologies – is an advocacy initiative launched in December 2006 by the United Nations Global Alliance for ICT and Development, in cooperation with the Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities at UNDESA. Its mission is to facilitate and support the implementation of the dispositions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) promoting digital accessibility and Assistive Technologies. Participating organizations include industry, academia, the public sector and organizations representing persons with disabilities. G3ict organizes or contributes to awareness-raising and capacity building programs for policy makers in cooperation with international organizations, such as the ITU, ILO, UNESCO, UNITAR, UNESCAP, UN Global Compact and the World Bank. In 2011, G3ict launched the M-Enabling Summit Series to promote accessible mobile phones and services for persons with disabilities in cooperation with the ITU and the FCC (U.S. Federal Communications Commission). G3ict produces jointly with ITU the e-Accessibility Policy Toolkit for Persons with Disabilities (http://www.e-accessibilitytoolkit.org), as well as specialized reports which are widely used around the world by policy makers involved in the implementation of the CRPD.   
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