ACCESSIBLE ICTS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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16:30-18:00   Session SE.3 — room G

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (PWD) adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 13 December 2006 has been signed by 144 countries and ratified by another 89 (July 2010). This convention, and in particular Article 9, which refers to accessibility and ICTs, will provide the framework for this session.

The objectives of this panel are to discuss the current trends, the status and the future evolution of accessibility and ICTs. The panel presents an excellent platform to share experiences and best practices for the ICT policies carried out by ITU, strategies and services aimed at meeting the needs of persons with disabilities, and to witness the best practices the ITU membership is implementing with a view to increasing accessibility to ICTs.

Key issues:

- Identifying key ICT accessibility issues for persons with disabilities; setting the context for the debate

- Showcasing ITU activities

- Developing national policy frameworks

The main aim of this side event session is to share experiences and inform participants with regard to policies and strategies to address ICT accessibility and service needs for persons with disabilities, in line with the UN Convention.