**IASC TASK TEAM ON INCLUSION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION
MONTHLY TELECONFERENCE – 3 MAY 2017**

General Task Team Updates:

**Membership** is now at approximately 60 participants. See the IASC Task Team (TT) members’ google doc for more information: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bkI1w_3YiWz6inThTX5oPfK0-lale6fGt1l56k8_J64/edit#gid=0>

**IASC Task Team Online Platform:** The ToR was finalised following the April meeting. The consultancy will be advertised from Friday 5 May for a duration of three weeks, aiming for a consultancy start date of early-mid June.

Submission of Proposal to Finland:

A proposal was submitted to the Finland Ministry of Foreign Affairs by UNICEF on behalf of the TT for an amount of €178,200, to cover the following:

* Hiring of an expert consultant to develop the initial content of the guidelines
* Organisation of multi-stakeholder workshops (probably 1 in NY + 1 in Geneva) to present the outcomes of the desk review and discuss the initial content proposal
* Organisation of a global online survey to encourage submissions
* Briefing(s) to global humanitarian clusters to increase ownership for guidelines
* A regional field consultation (possibly MENA)

UNMAS volunteered their support, which was accepted for the further work of the TT fundraising sub-group. ESCWA asked about the criteria for the location of the regional field consultation, and volunteered support in case their region would be considered.

Desk Review - Recruitment of Consultant:

Two strong candidates were shortlisted, of which one, Ms. Janet Lord, was selected. Her contract is currently being finalised, with entry on duty forecast for mid-May, and a proposed end date of mid-July.

Conference of States Parties to the CRPD (12 – 16 June):

The Conference of States Parties (COSP) to the CRPD will be held from 13 – 15 June 2017 at the UNHQ in New York. On Friday 16 June the IASC Task Team will host a multi-stakeholder workshop, led by Janet Lord, which will provide an opportunity for Task Team members, DPOs, UN agencies and other relevant stakeholders to review the outcomes of the desk review and initial proposals for the guidelines’ structure. More information to follow.

**COSP Events Relevant for Task Team Members:**

The Conference Round Table 2 on Article 11, “Situations of Risk and Humanitarian Emergencies” (Wednesday 14 June, 3.00 PM – 6.00 PM) will be chaired by Mr. Kalle Konkkola from the Abilis Foundation, a TT member. UNICEF will represent the TT on this round-table. Other COSP Events:

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* **IASC TT briefing:** The co-chairs plan to hold a briefing (registered as a side event) during the COSP, to share information on the work of the TT and development of the guidelines. Further details to follow.
* WRC is finalising its submission for a Side Event/simulation exercise on 15 June about “What role for women and girls with disabilities in humanitarian crisis”. An exhibition table will also allow women with disabilities to continue to share and others to contribute resources. Concept notes for both events will be circulated in due course for further information.
* Other side events of interest concern refugees with disabilities, and persons with disabilities in conflict situations. Further information will be made available shortly on the IASC Task Team web page and IDA website, and circulated amongst the Task Team.

ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment (21-23 June 2017, Geneva):

The co-chairs together with other partners have submitted a side event application for the Humanitarian Affairs Segment (HAS). The side event will focus broadly on the inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action. Task Team members are encouraged to share information about other side-events they may be engaged in during the HAS.

Depending on the availability of a venue and of interest, the TT co-chairs are considering a technical workshop to review the outcomes of the desk review. This event, similar in purpose and format to the 16 June NY workshop, would allow humanitarian stakeholders to engage in the development of the guidelines’ initial structure.

AOB:

Two Global Compacts are being developed over the course of 2017-18: the Global Compact for Safe, Regular and Orderly Migration (an inter-governmental process) and the Global Compact for Refugees (led by UNHCR). A small group is being set up to coordinate on advocacy and promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities; all those interested, please contact Georgia Dominik (gdominik@ida-secretariat.org).

Task Team members are reminded to review and complete the Google sheet/working document on participation to IASC Subsidiary Bodies and Global Clusters., available at:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QGhkdlX8IKAJMfIObWe3QC03YxwioRj0baRZMCuxK1s/edit?usp=sharing>

NEXT MONTHLY CALL:

WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE 2017 at 9:00 AM NY/15:00 h GVA