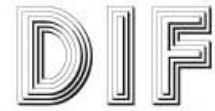




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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

This Latin American Regional Conference, co-organized by Rehabilitation International (RI), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE), the National Council for Persons with Disabilities (CONADIS) and the National System for the Integral Development of the Family (DIF), aims to promote comprehensive and effective implementation of the Convention by strengthening dialogue and partnerships among the disability community, policymakers, lawyers and judges and by providing a forum for exchanging good practices and networking. The majority of the conference will be devoted to 90-minute discussions with small panels, to allow for the most interaction among more than 150 expected participants.

This Conference is part of RI's Global Advocacy Campaign, which focuses on raising awareness and building capacity to promote the Convention, and also fits in the activities being prepared by the Mexican Government to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

In an innovative approach to mainstreaming disability rights, RI is partnering with the international law firm Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP and local law firms in the region to conduct an analysis of existing national laws in Mexico, Ecuador and Costa Rica vis-à-vis the UN Convention and develop recommendations for legal reform in each country. The research is being carried out in collaboration with disability experts and relevant actors in these countries and will be presented at the Conference as a resource for NGOs, government officials, parliamentarians and legal professionals in Latin America.

In addition to the legal issues related to implementation, the participants will discuss the implementation gap in order to ensure that the UN Convention is translated into good policies and programs reaching all persons with disabilities; strategies for inclusion of persons with disabilities in decision-making bodies; and concrete measures for addressing the disability-poverty cycle.

Simultaneous translation into Spanish and English will be provided. In addition, written materials will be available in accessible formats.

A limited number of scholarships are available to support travel expenses for participants at the Conference. For more information, please contact Andrés Balcázar at: abalcazar@abc-discapacidad.com, Shantha Rau at: shantha@riglobal.org, or Lauren Goldy at: lauren@riglobal.org.

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