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CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Regional Seminar for the 12+ Group
The Attlee Suite, Portcullis House, Palace of Westminster
London, United Kingdom, 27-28 April 2009



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PROGRAMME

Monday, 27 April	
8-30 – 9.30 a.m.	Registration of participants and distribution of documents
9.30 – 10.15 a.m.	<p>▶ Inaugural session <i>Welcoming speeches by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Rt Hon Michael Martin MP, Speaker of the House of Commons > Dr Roger Berry MP, Co-Chair of the Disabilities All Party Group > Anders B. Johnsson, Secretary General of IPU
10.15 – 11.30 a.m.	<p>▶ Session I: Why a new Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was needed <i>Guest Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Mohammed Al-Tarawneh, Chair, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities > Marianne Schulze, Human Rights Consultant
11.30 – 11.45 a.m.	Coffee break
11.45 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<p>▶ Session I: continued What does the Convention cover? <i>Guest Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Simon Walker, Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights (Convention Secretariat) > Cynthia Waddell, ITU Consultant > Lord Rix, President of MENCAP
1 – 2.15 p.m.	Lunch, IPU Room Host: Roger Berry MP
2.30 – 4 p.m.	<p>▶ Session II: The key obligations of States under the CRPD <i>Guest Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Jose Doria, Secretary, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities > Caroline Ellis (RADAR) > Ann Begg MP
4 – 4.15 p.m.	Coffee break



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4.15 – 6.00 p.m.	<p>▶ Session III: The rights set out in the Convention <i>Guest Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Diane Mulligan, Member of the Disability Committee of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, UK > Simon Walker > Camilla Parker, Disability Consultant
6 – 8 p.m.	<p>Reception at Lancaster House Host: Jonathan Shaw MP, Minister for Disabled People, Department of Work and Pensions</p>
Tuesday, 28 April	
9.30 – 11.15 a.m.	<p>▶ Session IV: Monitoring the Convention: monitoring mechanisms in the Convention and at the national level <i>Guest Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Ambassador Luis Gallegos, Ambassador of Ecuador to the United States, former Chair of the UN ad-hoc Committee on an International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities > Cveto Ursic, Member of the Monitoring Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
11.15 – 11.30 a.m.	Coffee break
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<p>▶ Session IV: continued <i>Guest Speaker:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Neil Crowther, Disability Programme Director, Equality and Human Rights Commission
2.30 – 4 p.m.	<p>▶ Session V: Implementing the Convention: legislative measures and best practices <i>Guest Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Jean-Luc Simon, Chair of Disabled Peoples' International > Carlotta Besozzi, Director of the European Disability Forum
4 – 4.15 p.m.	Coffee break
4.15 – 5.30 p.m.	<p>▶ Session V: continued <i>Guest Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Tom Clarke MP, Chair All-Party Learning Disability Group > Rachel Hurst, Director, Disability Awareness in Action
5.30 – 6 p.m.	▶ Closing Session