

SAVE THE DATE

for the International Conference:

**Including disability for a better Cooperation:
Experiences of collaboration between
Governments, NGOs and Disabled People Organizations**
November 18th, 2015 | 09:00 – 17:30 - Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Rome

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to the Conference **“Including disability for a better Cooperation: Experiences of collaboration between Governments, NGOs and Disabled People Organizations”**, which will take place on **18 November 2015 in Rome** at the Palazzo della Farnesina - Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The conference will bring together EU and National representatives from public authorities and civil society, which are working on **the issue of including the dimension of disability into development programmes**.

At European level, the interest and the awareness on disability and cooperation are increasing both for specific projects and at mainstreaming level. The focus of the International Conference will be to offer an opportunity to work together, to exchange good practices, to share meaning and value of the synergy between Cooperation agencies, NGOs and DPOs.

You can find here below a Draft Programme. Please, contact us for more information. We very much look forward seeing you this November in Rome!

Kind regards,

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DRAFT PROGRAMME:

h 9.30 – 10.45

- **Official opening of the conference**
- **The Commitment of Italy**
 - The implementation of the Italian Development Cooperation Disability Action Plan
 - The experience of the MAECI/RIDS working groups
 - The experience of the National Observatory on Disability
 - Perspectives of Italian Commitment

h. 10.45-11.00 - Coffee break

h. 11.00 – 13.00

- **The Italian Civil Society experience on inclusive development: the role played by NGOs and DPOs in research and non governmental cooperation.**
 - Adequate practices for inclusive development processes;
 - Innovative development and emergency projects at mainstreaming level and specifically focused on people with disability;
 - Inclusive decentralized cooperation;
 - Inclusive Research Projects;

h. 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch break

h. 14.00 – 16.30

Round table on International and European good practices and new perspectives for an inclusive development cooperation.

- The international framework on development and emergency projects.
- The added value of the collaboration between European Cooperation Agencies, Civil Society Federations, NGOs and DPOs: good practices and perspectives for a European commitment following “Beyond 2015” and the “Sendai framework”

h. 16.30 – 17.30

Closing the conference and opening to the future:

- Follow up ideas to strengthen the Civil Society – and specifically DPOs – participation in inclusive development processes.
- Conclusions and institutional greetings.

Practical information:

The conference will be in Italian and English and the panel discussion will be made accessible by velotyping. Accessibility for people with reduced mobility is guaranteed. In order to guarantee the full and real participation of everybody, we ask you to please inform us about other accessibility needs.

During the conference a coffee break and a light lunch will be served.

Conference admission is free of charge but is limited to up to 60 participants.

Please register at includingdisability@aifo.it. Deadline for registrations October 30th, 2015.

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