



*The Permanent Missions to the UN of Australia, Bulgaria, India and Colombia, and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Human Rights Watch, the Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law and International Disability Alliance*

*Cordially invite you to a Panel Discussion during the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference of States Parties to the CRPD*



*New York, 14 June 2017, 1:15 PM – 2:30 PM, CR 4, UNHQs*

**Opening remarks:**

**H.E. Georgi Panayotov**, Permanent Representative of Bulgaria and President of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – CRPD

**Craig Mokhiber**, Deputy, OHCHR/NYO

**Moderator: Facundo Chavez-Penillas**, OHCHR

**Panelists:**

- **Catalina Devandas Aguilar**, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- **Alastair McEwin**, Disability Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission
- **Navreet Singh Kang**, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment of India
- **Juan Pablo Salazar**, Director, Plan Presidencial de Inclusión de Personas con Discapacidad, Colombia
- **Marieta Dimitrova**, Lawyer, Legal Consultant, Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law
- **Carlos Ríos-Espinosa**, Senior Researcher and Advocate, Human Rights Watch
- **Vladimir Cuk**, Executive Director, International Disability Alliance

Denial of legal capacity deprives persons with disabilities from the enjoyment of other human rights such as the right to vote, the right to have a family, the right to health and medical treatment, consent to intimate relationships, etc. Until now, different countries have initiated legal reforms for the implementation of CRPD Article 12, but there are still not many commonly recognized legislative models of supported decision making worldwide. This panel will discuss a number of pilot projects that explore supported decision making in practice, and will encourage the further exchange of ideas, models and solutions to shape the legal reforms and practices, government policies and programmes, as well as the everyday social practices of individuals, their supporters and communities.

*Event will be presented in English with sign language interpretation and live captioning.  
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