Economic policy - a final frontier in international support for the rights of persons with disabilities?

Under the auspices of the Global Disability Summit 2022, CBM Switzerland kindly invites you to a side event on the key role of economic policies on tax and debt in mobilizing resources to realize the CRPD

Thursday, 17 February 2022, 11 AM to 12 PM CET via Zoom

Policies on tax and on debt sustainability have high financial stakes. It is for example estimated that annual losses to cross-border tax abuse would be enough to cover the cost of fully vaccinating the global population against COVID-19 more than three times over. At the same time, more financing is urgently needed to realise the CRPD. This side event will examine how governments in the Global North can ensure coherence between their commitments on disability inclusion and rights in the Global South, and their wider policies relating to tax abuse and unsustainable debt burdens. A new fact sheet, examining how certain Swiss economic policies may affect resources available for upholding the CRPD in the Global South, will be launched during the side event.

PROGRAM:

Introduction by Ms. Polly Meeks, Independent Researcher and Consultant

Resourcing the CRPD: evidence from India, interview with Ms. Meenakshi Balasubramanian, Center for Inclusive Policy

How do UK tax policies affect the rights of persons with disabilities in the Global South? Input by Mr. Matti Kohonen, Executive Director, Financial Transparency Coalition

How far do Switzerland’s policies on finance and tax promote the rights and equality of persons with disabilities? Interview with Mr. Dominik Gross, responsible for finance and tax policies, Alliance Sud

Followed by a discussion, moderated by Ms. Mirjam Gasser, Head Advocacy, CBM Switzerland

The event will be held in English. International Sign and live captioning will be provided.

Please register by 14 February 2022 under the following link: cbmswiss.ch/financing-factsheet

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