

July 5, 2016

Dear Friend,

On behalf of the Bahá'í International Community and International Movement ATD Fourth World, in partnership with International Disability Alliance, the International Disability and Development Consortium, Together 2030 and the Stakeholder Group on Ageing, we would like to cordially invite you to an informal working breakfast for select members of civil society, Member States and UN agencies entitled “**Genuine stakeholder engagement for effective implementation and review: the national level lens**”. This is the 35th in a series of meetings that focused on the UN development agenda.

The overarching theme of the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) for 2016 is ensuring that no one is left behind. Since the beginning of 2016, many countries initiated the work of applying this principle by integrating the SDGs into national programmes and initiating multi-stakeholder dialogues at the national level. At this dialogue we will consider the findings from informal surveys gauging national participation of different communities (persons with disabilities, older persons, among others). We will also review methods of information sharing with actors that are often at the peripheries. A particular focus of this event will be on the outcomes of the 22 countries providing national voluntary reviews at the HLPF. Maintaining an atmosphere of open and frank dialogue, we hope this breakfast will provide an opportunity to discuss gaps and challenges as well as summarize good practices between stakeholder representatives and governments.

An open discussion will follow brief remarks by the distinguished speakers:

Mr. Roberto Bissio
Executive Director at Instituto del Tercer Mundo, and
Coordinator of Social Watch

Ms. Arelys Bellorini
United Nations Representative
World Vision International

Mr. David Nabarro
Special Adviser on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
Executive Office of the Secretary General

Given your expertise and engagement in this area, your contributions would be most valuable and we hope that you or a representative from your esteemed Mission can make time to join us on **Friday, July 15th** (8:30-10:00 am) at the Bahá'í Offices, 866 UN Plaza, Suite 120. To RSVP please either reply to this e-mail or contact Cristina Diez at cristina.diez@atd-fourthworld.org. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

With warmest regards,



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