

Better health for all people with disabilities - how the World Health Organisation is realising disability rights

Speaker: Pauline Kleinitz – Technical Lead for the Disability and Rehabilitation Program in the World Health Organization - Western Pacific Regional Office

Date: Wednesday 17th December 2014, 11.00 – 12.00 (welcome to join us for morning tea at 10.30)

Venue: Arole Room, Nossal Institute for Global Health, The University of Melbourne, 4th Floor, Alan Gilbert Building, 161 Barry St, Carlton

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Pauline has been based in Manila, Philippines in this role for over three years. Prior to this she worked for the CBM-Nossal Institute Partnership for Disability Inclusive Development. Pauline has worked in the disability sector for over 20 years in national and international settings, in clinical, research, training and program management roles. She holds a Bachelor of Applied Science in Physiotherapy and Master's Degree in Social Science, International Development.

Globally, efforts to achieve disability inclusive development are expanding and increasingly United Nations agencies are doing their part. In May this year the World Health Organisation (WHO) adopted the *Global Disability Action Plan, 2014-2021, Better Health for all People with Disabilities* and over the coming years WHO will work with member states and international partners to implement this action plan. Drawing on the experience of the recent expansion of the WHO Western Pacific Region Disability and Rehabilitation Program, this presentation will highlight what is working well in countries, key challenges for achieving better health for all people with disabilities and priorities for future efforts. The presentation will provide insights into WHO regional health priorities and collaboration between disability and other program areas.

Pacific disability stakeholders meeting, 12.30 – 3.30pm

Following the seminar, organisations working in the Pacific are invited to stay for an informal meeting between International Partners to share their Pacific disability programs, especially in the area of disability services and community based rehabilitation. Organisations not currently working in disability services in the Pacific but with a strong interest in expanding into this area are welcome.

Objectives:

- To share plans and programs underway supporting disability services / community-based rehabilitation in the Pacific.
- To discuss gaps in services for people with disabilities and priorities for involvement of international partner organisations.
- To identify potential areas for future collaboration.

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(Brown Bag Lunch – ie. bring your own)