

# International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2019

Please join the United Nations Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance for a discussion focusing on employment and inclusive workplaces

*“This is My Workplace”*

*Celebrating the Abilities of Professionals Around the World  
Empowered Through Employment*



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3 DECEMBER

**DATE: TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2019**

**TIME: 3:00 – 6:00 PM**

**LOCATION: UNHQ, ECOSOC CHAMBER**

In observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the Office of Human Resources of the Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance is hosting a conversation about disability inclusion across sectors on **3 December, 2019 at 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm in UNHQ, ECOSOC Chamber.**

The event brings in experts and champions of disability inclusion to share best practices and highlight the empowerment of persons with disabilities that comes with ownership of the workplace. The theme *“This is My Workplace”* reflects the goals of the UN Disability Inclusion Strategy, launched by the Secretary-General in June 2019, to create and promote a truly inclusive culture in the United Nations where everyone can thrive and realize their full potential.

The conversation is structured as two candid panels, moderated by **Rodger DeRose** (President and CEO of Kessler Foundation), and **Jim Sinocchi** (Head of Disability Inclusion, JP Morgan Chase). Our Featured Panelists include **Christine Ha** (The Blind Goat/ Master Chef), **Sara Mikara** (Empowerment Through Integration), **Michael Fembek** (Zero Project), **Monique Lanaux** (PepsiCo), **Julie Sowash** (Disability Solutions), **Elaine Katz** (Kessler Foundation), **Emily Ladau** (Word I Wheel By), and others.

The panelists and speakers are joined by senior UN leadership, including **Ms. Catherine Pollard**, Under Secretary-General for Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance (DMSPC), and **Ms. Martha Helena Lopez**, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources (OHR).

The event will also feature two keynote speakers: **Kyle Maynard**, Adventurer/ Entrepreneur who is the first quadruple amputee to ascend Mount Kilimanjaro without the aid of prosthetics (<http://kyle-maynard.com/>), and **Mallory Weggemann**, a U.S. Paralympian and Gold Medalist (<http://www.malloryweggemannusa.com/>).

The event will be webcast on [UN Web TV](#). Closed captioning will be provided.

Follow the event on UN Careers social media, and with the hashtag **#thisismyworkplace**, including updates from different UN locations and offices throughout 3 December:

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