

SIDE-EVENT AT THE HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM 2021













ON THE ROAD TOWARDS COVID-19 RECOVERY & DELIVERY OF THE SDGS:

ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES OF PERSONS LIVING WITH A RARE DISEASE AS A HUMAN RIGHTS, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EQUITY PRIORITY

7 July 2021. 8.00 - 09.30 EDT /14.00 - 15.30 CET



Moderator Ms. Durhane Wong-Rieger, Chair, Rare Diseases International (RDI)

8.00 - 8.15Welcoming Remarks (pre-recorded videos)

- Her Majesty Queen Letizia of Spain
- Her Excellency Michelle Bolsonaro, First Lady of Brazil and Her Excellency Damares Alves, Minister for Women, Family and Human Rights of Brazil

8.15 - 8.20**Keynote Address**

• Mr. Craig Mokhiber, Director of the New York Office, **OHCHR**

8.20 - 8.35Video - 'Dear UN'

Testimonies from the global rare disease community linked to the SDGs

8.35 - 9.10Multi-stakeholder panel discussion

The value of UN action to address the challenges of persons living with a rare disease and move towards inclusive sustainable development.

- Rev. Dr. Liberato C. Bautista, President of CoNGO (Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the **United Nations**)
- Ms. Maria Montefusco, Chairperson of Rare Diseases Sweden and member of the Board of EURORDIS
- Dr. Lucia Monaco, Chair of the International Rare Diseases Research Consortium (IRDiRC)
- Dr. Gareth Baynam, Director of Western Australia's **Undiagnosed Diseases Program**

9.10 - 9.25Q&A from the Audience

9.25 - 9.30**Closing Remarks**

Mr. Anders Olauson, Chair, NGO Committee for Rare Diseases