Building Inclusive Societies:
The Role of NHRIs in Promoting, Protecting, and Monitoring the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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Draft Agenda

14:00-14:05 CEST Welcome and opening Remarks

- **Maryam Al Attiyah**, GANHRI Chairperson, and Chairperson of Qatar National Human Rights Committee (via video)

14:05-14:30 CEST Panel Discussion

- Moderation and introductory remarks by **H.E. Ambassador Maria de Lurdes Bessa**, Permanent Representative of Timor-Leste to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- **Rosemary Kayess,** vice-chair of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disability and Disability and Discrimination Commissioner at the Australian Human Rights Commission (via video)
- **Rigbe Gebrehawaria**, Commissioner for Women, Children, Older Persons and Disability Rights at the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission
- **Carleen McGuinty**, Acting Manager, International Monitoring and Cooperation Unit, Canadian Human Rights Commission
- **Sören Zimmermann**, Researcher and Policy Advisor for the National CRPD Monitoring Mechanism, German Institute for Human Rights
- **Catherrine Pedreros**, OHCHR, HR-Council and Treaty Mechanisms Division

14:30-14:50 CEST Interactive Discussion

Open floor for participants, including Permanent Missions, NGOs, and UN partners, to share insights and exchange experiences.

14:50-15:00 CEST Closing Remarks

- **Juan Ignacio Pérez Bellos**, Senior Human Rights Advisor, IDA

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