INVITATION

Dear Friends,

Greetings from IDF and IFRA!

To achieve improved services for people with autism and their social inclusion, IDF and IFRA are hosting a global webinar entitled, "Community Approaches to Autism," the 7th in our series on "Poverty, Hunger and Disability: The Missing Link."

Date: 18th January 2023

Time: 14:00 to 15:30 GMT (7:30 to 9 pm IST)

This webinar will highlight the importance of inclusion for children and adults along the autism spectrum with examples of good practice in resource scarce settings.

Community practitioners will present examples of their work from Egypt, India and Nepal. These examples will showcase local initiatives which contribute to positive change in the lives of people with autism.

We believe this webinar will be of immense value to practitioners in community health and in community-based rehabilitation. It will enable them to link their work to the global context and to the frameworks being presented.

The webinar will be in English with sign language interpretation (Indian & international), live captioning, translation in French, Hindi and Spanish.

We invite you to participate in this webinar by registering at: <u>https://forms.gle/rbFgNoTJBFPxiHjc7</u>

Once you register, you will get a Zoom link for the webinar.

Your participation will add value to the webinar outcomes.

Please circulate this invitation widely.

We will be happy to provide more information or clarification. We look forward to meeting you on 18th January.

Warm regards,

B. Venkatesh (Venky)

Hon. Convener IDF and IFRA

Indian Disability Forum (IDF) is made up of national and regional organizations of persons with disabilities and parent groups.

Vision: A world without poverty, hunger and discrimination for persons with disabilities.

Mission: To bring about lasting change in the lives of persons with disabilities living in poverty.

Objectives:

1. To build a network of the Global South of Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs), their parents and families.

2. To advocate:

• For the inclusion of persons with disabilities in all poverty alleviations programs

• For disability inclusive and disabled friendly policies for persons with disabilities

• For the inclusion of persons with disabilities in education, livelihood, health, social security, justice with reasonable accommodation.

Indian Forum for Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology (IFRA) is made up of persons with disabilities, their organizations, their family members, CBR practitioners / other service providers, representatives of children, women and older people without disabilities. IFRA is one of the few groups advocating for affordable and quality rehabilitation services and assistive technology for persons with and without disabilities in the community.

Vision: A world of resilient, inclusive and empowered communities free from poverty for persons with disabilities and other marginalized populations in need of rehabilitation.

Mission: To bring about lasting positive change for inclusion in community life for persons with disabilities and marginalized populations needing rehabilitation.

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