



Permanent Mission of Mongolia to the United Nations



Down Syndrome Association of Mongolia

Side event dedicated to the World Down Syndrome Day and CSW 60
**"Changing stereotypes against people with Down syndrome:
THE MEANING OF MONGOL"**

21 March 2016, 1:15 PM - 2:30 PM
Conference Room 7, GA Building, UNHQ

In support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for people with disabilities and the UNICEF campaign to #ENDviolence against children and adolescents with disabilities and to commemorate World Down Syndrome Day, Permanent Mission of Mongolia together with Down Syndrome Association of Mongolia is hosting a CSW side event on changing stereotypes and discrimination against people with Down syndrome.

Although the World Health Organization advised not to use the term "mongoloid" for people with Down syndrome due to its racial implication, the term is still used in certain parts of the world. The aim of this side event is to showcase how people with Down syndrome, especially children and mothers are discriminated, how stereotype of the term "mongol" and related words affect dignity of people of the mongoloid race and how to discontinue usage of this offensive term.

The event will feature Uuganaa Ramsay, Mongolian author who has been exploring why her ethnicity is linked to Down's syndrome, a condition diagnosed in her late son. Uuganaa's book "*Mongol*" won Non-Fiction Book Award from the Scottish Association of Writers and she was awarded with the Scottish Asian Women's Award For Achievement Against All Odds recognizing her achievements in the face of adversity and challenging circumstances. Following *Mongol's* publication, BBC Radio 4 and BBC World Service produced a radio documentary "*The Meaning of Mongol.*"



Panelists: Dr. Nata Menabde, Executive Director, WHO Office at the United Nations, NY
Ms. Sarantsetseg Davaasambuu, LMSW, PhD, Research Fellow,
Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
Representative, Down Syndrome International

Moderator: H.E.Mr.Sukhbold Sukhee, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, PR of Mongolia to the UN

*Delegates of the 2016 Down Syndrome Day Conference and CSW60 with a valid UN pass are invited.
Please RSVP at mongolianmission@twcmetrobiz.com by 18 March 2016*