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The logo features a stylized umbrella with a blue and orange canopy. Underneath the umbrella are icons representing various types of disabilities: a person in a wheelchair, a person with a white cane, a person with a hearing aid, a person with a white cane and a hearing aid, a person with a white cane and a hearing aid, a person with a white cane and a hearing aid, and a person with a white cane and a hearing aid.

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Session 4B: Inclusive Social Protection: Progress in Expanding Disability Inclusive Social Protection

Moderator



Alradi Abdullah
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Alradi Abdalla is leading IDA's work on social protection, and capacity building around assistive technology and humanitarian action. He also oversees all in-person training and consultations. Alradi has more than 12 years of experience working on disability inclusion, including with organizations of persons with disabilities and international NGOs. Alradi holds a bachelor's degree in law, along with a Masters degree in disability rights from Leeds University, and is currently writing his thesis for a Masters in Social Protection at Bonn Rhein Sieg University.

Panelists



Alex Cote
Social Policy Specialist Disability and Social Protection
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Alex Cote is a disability and social protection policy specialist for UNICEF HQ, Alexandre has been working in the field of inclusive development globally for 25 years, supporting social services delivery, social protection, health and rehabilitation, humanitarian aid, capacity development of organizations of persons with disabilities as well as global advocacy for the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. For the last 7 years, he has been working with ILO, UNICEF and other stakeholders on capacity development to

promote and build inclusive social protection systems and programs fostering empowerment of persons with disabilities across the life cycle.



Jo Rogers

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Jo Rogers has a Masters in social work from Ersta Skondal university college in Stockholm and has over 25 years of experience in disability inclusion, social protection, child protection and social service workforce strengthening.



Rhodora Alday

Director IV and Head of Policy Development and Planning Bureau, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Philippines

Rhodora Alday serves as the lead technical support to the Philippine Sub-Committee on Social Protection, and has direct experience in implementing social welfare and development reform projects. In the span of 20 years with the Department, she has acquired extensive experience in development policy and programming specifically in the areas of social protection and social welfare. Rhodora is a registered social worker, and has two post-graduate degrees – MA in Development Studies from the International Institute of Social Studies (The Hague, Netherlands), and Master of Disaster Resilience and Sustainable Development from the University of Newcastle (New South Wales, Australia).



Sreng Sophomreaksmey

Director, General Secretariat for the National Social Protection Council (GS-NSPC), Cambodia

Sreng Sophomreaksmey joined the social protection sector in 2018 and is currently assisting in social protection policy development and analysis, social assistance programs development, technical advise, coordination, and monitoring and evaluation. Prior to this, he worked as an economist for the Ministry of Economy and Finance, focusing on fiscal policy. He holds a Master's degree in International and Development Economics from the Australian National University.



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Muniraju Sonnur Beerapp is looking after the formulation of policies and program implementation related to civil society partnership with government, corporate social responsibility initiatives, social justice, welfare of indigenous groups, older people, people with disabilities, transgender, and rehabilitation of people addicted to drugs.

Muniraju has served in the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Labour and Employment at Union Government and also served in the Provincial Government, i.e Government of Karnataka for a brief time. He has published books on Community Development and authored the Encyclopaedia of Rural Management, published Articles in the National Journals on Social Inclusion, Financial Inclusion, Development Disparities and strategies for inclusive development etc.

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Fatino Utumapu is currently one of disability leaders from across the Pacific who assists in the regional implementation of the Convention of the Rights of People with Disabilities through the Pacific Disability Forum. Their team is now responsible for providing in country disability inclusive training to government ministries, nongovernment organizations, the private sector and other groups. As the office manager for NOLA, the national advocacy organization for persons with disabilities in Samoa, Fatino has led advocacy work to support the establishment of the Wheelchair Users Association of Samoa and the Samoa Association of the Deaf.