The Toronto Launch of the 1st WHO/World Bank World Report on Disability

Friday, January 27, 2012, 12-2pm
University of Toronto
Munk School of Global Affairs
Vivian and David Campbell Conference Facility
1 Devonshire Place, Toronto
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The World Report on Disability is the first of its kind, providing guidance on implementing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and giving an extensive global picture of the situation of people with disabilities, their unmet needs, and the barriers they face to participating fully in their societies. There are over one billion people with disabilities in the world and this report provides a welcome focus on this pressing global health and social justice issue. This panel will bring together the lead author of the report with key disability activists to discuss the report and its implications for Canada’s domestic and global responsibilities towards people with disabilities.

Keynote address:
Dr. Tom Shakespeare

Dr. Tom Shakespeare is the editor of the World Report on Disability. He has published extensively in disability studies and bioethics, including The Sexual Politics of Disability (1996) and Disability Rights and Wrongs (2006). Disabled himself, Dr. Shakespeare has been active in the disability community for 20 years. Dr. Shakespeare joined the World Health Organization’s Disability and Rehabilitation Team in 2008.

Remarks:
Dr. Janice Stein, Director, Munk School of Global Affairs
David Lepofsky, CM, OOnt, Chair, Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Alliance
Dr. Stephanie Nixon, Academic Director, International Centre for Disability and Rehabilitation

This session is free. This venue is accessible for people with mobility limitations. ASL/English interpreters and CART services (captioning for hard of hearing) available.
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