



**Doing the Right Things Right:
People with Disabilities in the Labor Market
GLADNET Annual General Meeting
November 10-11, 2005 - Manama, Bahrain**

DAY ONE

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:00 **Welcome**
- Susanne Bruyère, GLADNET Chair
 - Dr. Fatima Al-Baloushi, Bahrain Minister for Social Affairs
- 9:30 Break – Coffee, Tea
- 9:45 **GLADNET Update** – Susanne Bruyère
- Highlights of GLADMail survey
 - GLADNET services:
 - Collaboration with Arab Region going forward
 - Special services through Catherwood Library
 - Leadership Operations Manual
- 11:15 **Keynote and Conversation**
Dr. Sabri Rbeihat, Advisor to the UN Special Rapporteur on Disability
- 12:00 Lunch (on your own)
- 13:15 **The Right to Work: Socio-Economic Perspectives**
- Yousef Qaryouti, Facilitator, Senior Specialist on Disability, ILO, Lebanon
 - Ilene Zeitzer, Disability Policy Solutions, USA, *Issues and Concepts Concerning Employment and Right to Work Protections for People with Disabilities*
 - Stig Larsson, Director, Handicap & Rehabilitation Research Ctr., Sweden, *Included at Work*
- 14:45 Break
- 15:00 **Examples of Successful Employment Initiatives**
- Aldred Neufeldt, Facilitator, University of Calgary, Canada, *The 'new economy', disability and innovations in the workplace: research challenges.*
 - Dr. Madan Kundu, Rehabilitation International (RI) Work and Employment Commission, USA, *A systems approach to placement in employment.*
 - Hussain Al Obaidly, Citibank, United Arab Emirates
 - Haider Talib Erabeh, Althiqah Employment, United Arab Emirates
- 16:30 **Introduction of International Abilympics**
Mr. Kimura, International Abilympics Federation (IAF)
- 17:00 End of Day One
- 17:30 **Reception**

DAY TWO

- 8:30 Coffee/Tea available
- 9:00 ***Youth Initiatives and Technology***
- Edwin deVos, Facilitator, TNO, The Netherlands
 - Monthian Buntan, Thailand Association of the Blind, Thailand, *World Symposium on Information Society (WSIS)*
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 ***Successful Employment Policies and Practices***
- Monroe Berkowitz, Facilitator, Rutgers University, USA *Understanding the Labor Market--the path to increasing the employment of persons with disabilities*
- 12:15 Lunch break (on your own)
- 13:30 ***Labor Market Information and Placement***
- Donal McAnaney, Facilitator/Presenter, Rehab Group Roslyn Park, Ireland, *Optimizing strategies for integrating people with disabilities into work (Opti-Work)*
 - Sylvana Lakkis, Lebanese Union of Physically Disabled Persons, Lebanon, *Unlocking potential job opportunities for people with disabilities - A one-stop center for disabled job seekers*
 - Barbara Murray, Equity Issues Group, ILO, Switzerland, *Assisting Persons with Disabilities in finding Employment. ILO collaboration with Employment Services in Developing Countries*
- 15:00 Break
- 15:15 ***Examples of Training Programs in Technical and Vocational Skill***
- Michael Kamp – Facilitator/Presenter, World Association for Supported Employment (WASE), The Netherlands, *Training and Job Preparation for People with Learning Disabilities*
 - Cerise Roth-Vinson, Mobility International USA (MIUSA), *Preparing for Global Leadership: International Educational and Career Options for Students, Professionals and Researchers with Disabilities*
- 16:45 ***Closing and AGM Evaluation***
- 17:00 End of AGM

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