



The 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Mobility and Transport  
for the Elderly and the Disabled Persons  
(TRANSED 2012 India)  
Sep 17- 21, 2012

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## **Proposal for Pre-Conference Workshop at TRANSED 2012, India**

### **“UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: A Force for Change”**

Global Alliance on Accessible Technologies (GAATES)  
Ann Frye, Chair, GAATES Accessible Transportation Committee

#### **Description of workshop**

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is a powerful tool for people with disabilities to work with Governments to ensure that the principles of participation and inclusion, non-discrimination and accessibility are translated into action in key areas such as access to public transport, the built environment and information technology.

The workshop will explain the key principles of the Convention, in particular in relation to public transport and how they can be used effectively to achieve improvements in accessibility at national and local levels.

The workshop will be highly participative and will use case studies and open discussion to review the current situation worldwide and to identify actions and options for using the Convention to support the case for greater recognition of the fundamental importance of access to transport, the built environment and information technology to the “participation and inclusion” of people with disabilities.

#### **Workshop details**

##### **Audiences**

The workshop is open to all and will be of particular interest to those working in the field of accessible transport at political, legal, technical or operational levels and to those campaigning and working for improvements in access to public transport and the built environment.

##### **Learning objectives**

Participants will gain a full understanding of the UN Convention and how the commitments it contains can be used to promote and encourage greater recognition among politicians and practitioners of the need for public transport and the built environment to be accessible to everyone.

##### **Justification for a pre-conference**



The value of a pre-conference session on this topic is that it will allow time for in-depth discussion among participants and for individual issues and case studies to be explored in detail.

### **How will the workshop be conducted (Methodology)**

The workshop will start with presentations covering the basic provisions of the Convention and their relevance to transport and associated fields. These themes will then be developed in case studies and open discussion to enable participants to probe issues in depth.

### **Core - Mobility, Accessibility & Transport - related issues**

The session will cover legal and practical issues of accessibility as well as concepts of universal design and access for all. It will cover all transport modes as well as the built environment and associated technologies.

### **Where & when the session has been previously presented**

The workshop will develop from discussions on the same topic held in a pre-conference workshop at TRANSED 2010 in Hong Kong and will bring updated material and issues to the table.

### **Restrictions or conditions**

The workshop is open to everyone.

### **Infrastructure/material requirements**

**Program Audio-visual:** Will audio-visuals be part of the program? Yes  
(Unless otherwise requested, all rooms will be setup with a podium and microphone.)

**Description of Audio-visual material required;** i.e. LCD, screen, power-point support package, DVD Player, microphone, and; additional microphone for question answer, etc.

Equipment for showing powerpoint and video material please

Please outline any special needs to run the workshop (Data Projector, Computer, Blackboard, internet access, table set-up, materials etc).

Data projector, top table and chairs, flip charts

### **Samples of handouts/takeaways**

See attached

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## Speaker details

Please provide the following information about speakers:

- **Contact person:** Ann Frye [ann@annfrye.co.uk](mailto:ann@annfrye.co.uk)
- **Organiser's Name & Affiliation:** Chair - GAATES Accessible Transportation Committee
- **Organiser:** as above
- **Speakers:**
  - Ann Frye
  - Mukhtar AlShibani
  - Amanda Gibberd (to be confirmed)
- **Background information for each speaker**

### Ann Frye

**Ann Frye** is an international specialist on the mobility needs of older and disabled people. She advises public, commercial and professional bodies on sustainable policy solutions to meet mobility needs in all transport modes, and in the pedestrian environment.

Ann co-chairs the US Transportation Research Board sub-committee on International Activities in Accessible Transportation and Mobility.

She has led Europe-wide projects for the European Commission and the European Science Foundation to develop Standards and Best Practice in accessible buses and heavy rail services. She was the author of the Good Practice Guide produced for MEDATE (Methodology for Describing Transport Accessibility in Europe) Project published in 2010. She has also contributed to the AENEAS Project (Attaining Energy Efficient Mobility in an Ageing Society) as an adviser.

Ann has worked in this field for over 30 years; until 2006 she headed the Mobility & Inclusion Unit in the UK Government Department for Transport where she delivered a major programme of research, legislation and policy to promote the mobility of disabled and older people in all areas of transport.

### Mukhtar AlShibani

**Mukhtar Al Shibani** established Almodon Consulting office for the disabled and elderly in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in order to provide services as a private consultant practicing architectural design in the Arab Region. Mr. AlShibani is currently the President of GAATES, and represents Saudi Arabia on the ISO Committee TC59/SC16 Accessibility and Usability of the Build Environment.

He has worked as an architect in the Building and Construction Department, Standard Organization of Saudi Arabia, and at one time was the Head of Building and Construction, Saudi Standard Organization.

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He has been a visiting lecturer at the College of Architecture and Planning for two semesters, King Faisal University, Dammam, KSA, 1982 and established the modeling center in Riyadh, K. S. A.1983. He is past Chief Editor of Albena architectural magazine in Riyadh, K. S.

He is a past board member of several organizations and served on the Board of Directors of the Saudi Umran society, was a Member of the Saudi national consulting committee for setting the national assembly for disabled, and a Member of the consulting committee, Prince Salman Research Center for the Disabled.

**Amanda Gibberd:**

**Amanda Gibberd** represents the Government of South Africa - Department of Transport, and also works as an access consultant in South Africa. She is originally from the UK where she worked for the Centre for Accessible Environments and the University of Reading on the MSc in Inclusive Environments.

Formerly practicing as an independent practitioner, she now works almost solely for the Government of South Africa on public transport services. Her role is to audit the work of the independent access consultants who are specializing in public transport, and develop implementation mechanisms to implement national legislation. Her current focus is on the development of public transport networks. She is working on tying together human settlement development with the provision of transport services, which given South Africa's apartheid legacy, presents quite a challenge.

Amanda also represents the Department of Transportation on their National technical standards board, and represents South Africa on the ISO TC59/SC16: Accessibility and Usability in the Built Environment standard committee.

- ***Information on topics covered by each speaker (if more than one speaker will be involved)***

Each speaker will be covering the same topic – implementing the UN CRPD in the transportation environment - relating different case studies, approaches and results from different areas around the world.

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