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**FCC TO HOST A PANEL EVENT TO COMMEMORATE THE  
25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

WASHINGTON, July 20, 2015 – The Federal Communications Commission will host a panel event to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on **July 23, 2015 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** The event will also recognize the 5th anniversary of the Twenty-first Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA), which will be occurring in October of this year.

The FCC's ADA event will feature a panel of disability rights advocates from various organizations who will share stories about how advances in communication access have made a difference in their personal and professional lives, as well as the lives of their family, friends, and colleagues. This public event will take place at the FCC's headquarters, Room TW-C305 (Commission Meeting Room), 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554.

A free webcast of the live event, with open captioning over the Internet, will be available at [FCC.gov/live](http://FCC.gov/live). Pre-registration is not required for the live webcast. Sign language interpreters will be present at the event. Other accommodations for persons with disabilities may be available upon request. Send detailed requests with contact information to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY). Requests should be made as soon as possible.

For additional information about this event, please contact Cheryl King at [cheryl.king@fcc.gov](mailto:cheryl.king@fcc.gov) or Sherry Dawson at [sherry.dawson@fcc.gov](mailto:sherry.dawson@fcc.gov).

**List of confirmed panelists:**

Zainab Alkebsi, National Association of the Deaf  
Eric Bridges, American Council of the Blind  
Lise Hamlin, Hearing Loss Association of America  
Rebecca Ladew, Speech Communications by Telephone, Inc.  
Eddie Martinez, Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind  
John G. Paré Jr., National Federation of the Blind  
Mark Richert, American Foundation for the Blind  
Al Sonnenstrahl, Former (1990) Executive Director of TDI  
Claude Stout, Current Executive Director, TDI

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