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Subject: FCC to Co-sponsor the 5th M-Enabling Summit – June 13-14, 2016, ARLINGTON, VA

The 5th annual M-Enabling Summit on accessible mobile technology and environments for users of all abilities will be held June 13-14, 2016 at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel in Arlington, VA. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will participate in the M-Enabling Summit, in cooperation with the Global Initiative for Inclusive Information and Communication Technologies (G3ict).

Senator Edward J. Markey (D-Mass) will deliver the Summit keynote on June 13. The Senator was instrumental in the passage of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act (CVAA), as well as various other laws requiring access to communications by persons with disabilities.

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler will address the Summit participants and present the FCC Chairman's Awards for Advancement in Accessibility (Chairman's AAA) on June 13 from 4:45 pm till 5:45 pm.

Various FCC staff will be presenting at the conference. Elaine Gardner, attorney in the FCC's Disability Rights Office (DRO) will be a panelist at a session on Cognitive and Learning on Monday, June 13th from 1:30-2:50. Later that same day, from 3:10 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Karen Peltz Strauss, Deputy Chief of the FCC's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, and Rosaline Crawford, DRO attorney, will co-chair a session dedicated to the CVAA Scorecard. Strauss will also moderate a panel to examine global opportunities for real-time text on Tuesday June 14 from 11:20 a.m. to 12:40 p.m., and Suzy Rosen Singleton, DRO attorney, will participate as a panelist.

The Summit, which will run under the theme *"Accessible Technologies and Environments for All"* will focus on empowering accessible technologies and on next-generation innovations and breakthroughs for users of all abilities. Supported by major disability organizations, as well as industry associations and the private sector, the Summit is expected to attract hundreds of participants from more than 40 countries, underlining the global scope of new mobile opportunities for users and developers alike.

The Summit's program will have over 120 confirmed speakers representing private sector leaders, apps developers, policy makers, mobile accessibility experts and disability advocates, who will share their knowledge and experience. These experts will discuss accessibility solutions highlighting 5 major tracks: cutting edge mobile enabling solutions, IOT and smart cities, innovation, inclusive higher education, and scaling up accessibility for business and government.

Approximately twenty-five exhibitors also will be on display so that attendees can learn firsthand about new and upcoming accessibility innovations.

For more information on registering to attend the M-Enabling Summit, visit www.m-enabling.com.

To view a complete agenda, go to: <http://m-enabling.com/agenda.html>