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UN Volunteer Rupmani Chhetri (centre, India) addresses UN Secretary-General António Guterres in sign language.

UNV and UNDP engaging young talent with disabilities for the SDGs

With a commitment to diversity, inclusion and leaving no one behind, UNDP and UNV are implementing a Talent Programme for Young Professionals with Disabilities to increase the inclusion of persons with disabilities into the workforce of the development sector. The programme also aims to build a talent pipeline of highly qualified professionals with disabilities who can contribute to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at national and global levels.

The UNDP-UNV Talent Programme will offer young people with disabilities the opportunity to acquire practical work experience and exposure to the work of the UN Development System through assignments with country, regional or headquarters offices of UNDP and other UN entities. UNDP-UNV will identify relevant assignments and select applicants. Programme participants and host offices will benefit from dedicated support, guidance and

professional development opportunities as part of the programme.

- **Persons with disabilities**

Sustainable Development Goal: **SDG 8: Decent work and economic growth**, **SDG 10: Reduced inequalities**, **SDG 17: Partnerships for the goals**