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Program for the International Symposium on Accessible Library and Information Services, Tokyo, 11th March 2026.

Opening Session (10:00-10:45, 45 mins)

MC: Misako Nomura

Welcome message: **Yoshiki Takeshita**, Chairperson, Japan Disability Council for Accessible Media and Information Services, Lawyer

Opening Address: **Danielle Miller**, IFLA/LPD Chair, Director & Regional Librarian of the Washington Talking Book & Braille Library, USA

Keynote Lecture: **Jun Ishikawa**, Past Vice Chair of UN CRPD Committee, Professor Emeritus of The University of Shizuoka, Japan

(coffee break: 10:45-11:05)

Session 1: Legal approaches to ensure information accessibility (11:05-12:05, 1 hour)

Moderator: Christiane Felsmann, Germany

Henriikka Kokki (Accessibility Library Celia, Finland) on European Accessibility Act (EAA) in Finland
Elisa Molinari (LIA, Italy) a remote presentation on EAA in Italy
Jason Broughton (NLS/Library of Congress, USA) on Americans with Disabilities Act Title II

Session 2: The Marrakesh Treaty (MVT) Implementation; a global view - Impact and Importance (12:05-13:05, 1 hour)

Moderator: Yasmine Youssef, Egypt

Dipendra Manocha (The DAISY Consortium, India) on WIPO ABC initiatives
Hiroshi Kawamura (ATDO, Japan) on International collaboration for Ecuadorian MVT Implementation
Pablo Lecuona (Argentine) – Video Presentation

(Lunch: 13:05-14:00)

Session 3: Information Services of Libraries other than Book Lending Services; corresponding to the chapters 8-12 of The New LPD Guidelines (14:00-15:00, 1 hour)

Moderator: Danielle Miller, USA

The moderator will present Overview of Chapters 8-12

Speakers will talk about the good practices

- Saskia Boets (Flemish library serving persons with print disabilities, Belgium)
- Christiane Felsmann (German Centre for Accessible Reading, Germany)
- Hanne Kristin Lie (National Library of Norway, Norway)
- Myungsook Kim (National Library for the Disabled, Korea)

(coffee break: 15:00-15:15)

Session 4: Panel Discussion on the Way Forward (15:15-16:20)

Moderator: Hiroshi Kawamura, Japan

Alice O'Reilly (NLS/LC, USA), remote participation

James Bartlett (Royal National Institute of Blind People, UK)

After presentations, all participants are encouraged to contribute.

Danielle Miller will sum up the outcome of the Symposium

Closing: (16:20-16:30)

MC: Misako Nomura

Closing Remark: Disability Council representative