

M-Enabling Summit

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NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY CHAIRMAN NEIL ROMANO TO DELIVER KEYNOTE AT THE 8TH M-ENABLING SUMMIT

BETHESDA, MD (February 27, 2019) – The organizers of the **M-Enabling Summit** are pleased to announce that Neil Romano, Chairman of the National Council on Disability (NCD), will be delivering the opening keynote of the **2019 M-Enabling Summit** on June 17, 2019.

The National Council on Disability is an independent federal agency charged with advising the President, Congress, and other federal agencies regarding policies, programs, practices, and procedures that affect people with disabilities. In 1986, NCD recommended the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and then drafted the first version of the bill introduced in the House and Senate in 1988. Since the enactment of the ADA in 1990, the NCD has continued to play a leading role in analyzing the needs of people with disabilities, crafting and recommending policy solutions.

Prior to being designated by President Donald J. Trump as NCD's Chairman, Romano was appointed as a council member in February of 2015 and then reappointed for a second term of three years by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on February 15, 2018.

Romano has dedicated his career to the marketing of ideas and messages to help save lives and promote public policy. In 2007, he was nominated by President George W. Bush to be the assistant secretary of labor for disability employment policy and was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate. His extensive professional background includes tenure as director of communications for the White House Office of Drug Abuse Policy. In that role, he worked on notable public awareness campaigns including "Just Say No" and "America Responds to AIDS."

As a producer/director, Romano's film, "Youth Homicide: A Public Health Crisis," earned a Best Director Emmy Nomination. He graduated from New York University, Phi Beta Kappa.

"As Chair of the Council Advising the President and Congress on Disability matters, Neil Romano's leadership and focus on promoting innovation will be of great interest to all **M-Enabling Summit** participants" said Axel Leblois, President of G3ict, co-organizer of the conference. "His unique background and experience in many of the core topics discussed at the Summit will serve as a great kick-off to this year's Summit, possibly generating opportunities for new initiatives."

The **M-Enabling Summit** conference, known for featuring high-level speaking panels, will be comprised of influencers from industry, government and civil society organizations. Throughout the 3-day event, the upcoming edition will cover the latest accessibility innovations in dedicated thematic sessions, as well as technical training sessions, presented by the International Association of Accessibility Professionals (IAAP). The conference is accompanied by an exhibitor showcase, featuring 40+ companies with enhancing products and services for the accessibility market.

The 8th edition of the **M-Enabling Summit** will be held on June 17-19, 2019 at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel, in Washington, D.C.

For more information on registering for the M-Enabling Summit, please visit <http://www.m-enabling.com>

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