



INVITATION TO VISIT THE ROLLODROME

WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE & THURSDAY 23 JUNE

What is the Rollodrome?

The Rollodrome is a temporary structure, which will be set-up outside the WMO Building on 22-23 June, that serves as a hands-on learning tool regarding what architectural barriers that might be encountered by a person with a physical handicap or sensory deficit.

Described as an “itinerant demonstration lodge,” the Rollodrome is a container that encloses a typical bathroom and kitchen floor plan which includes certain architectural adjustments that allow for accessibility. Participants of the activity use a Rollator (a wheelchair or white cane) to maneuver through the structure and discover that simple adaptations to public and private buildings are easy to comply with. These alterations can include (but are not limited to) the installation of ramps, wider doorways, handicapped toilets, and many other similar items.

All participants are invited to visit the Rollodrome on Wednesday 22 June and Thursday 23 June when it will be installed outside the WMO Building for the full day. Visiting the Rollodrome will enhance delegates’ understanding of barriers to physical accessibility and realise how easy it can be to remove most of the architectural barriers.

The Rollodrome is a collaboration between Pro Infirmis Geneva and the Association HAU in partnership with the Geneva Department of the Urban Environment and Security. It is being installed as a result of efforts undertaken by the Implementation Support Unit in support of the Australian and Ugandan Co-Chairs of the Standing Committee on Victim Assistance.

Accessibility and the AP Mine Ban Convention:

Accessibility is about enabling landmine and other ERW survivors to live independently and participate fully in all aspects of life by ensuring equal access to the physical environment, services, communications and information, and identifying and eliminating obstacles and barriers to accessibility.

The States Parties commitment to accessibility is reflected in Action #31 of the Cartagena Action Plan which notes the need to “increase availability of and accessibility to appropriate services ... by removing physical, social, cultural, economic, political and other barriers...”.