

## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

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### Venue:

Kleisthaus

Mauerstr. 53

10117 Berlin (district Mitte)

The venue is accessible/  
barrier-free.

### Accommodation:

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### Conference languages:

German/English simultaneous translation in the plenum (partly available in the working groups). Sign language on request.

### Deadline for registration:

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Persons with Disabilities  
as Actors of  
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Conference  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008  
Berlin/Germany



Under the patronage of Karin Evers-Meyer  
Federal Government Commissioner  
for Persons with Disabilities

In May 2008 the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities came into force. No other convention has been influenced so decisively by the people concerned. The implementation of Article 32, which guarantees the equal participation of people with disabilities in the development process, should carry this consistent involvement further. It now depends on keeping this promise.

The participation of civil society, the involvement of all stakeholders, is an essential criterion of German and international development cooperation. The collaboration with local people assures the quality and sustainability of projects and enables them to take matters into their own hands and to actively co-design the development processes affecting them. This especially applies to persons with disabilities.

What does cooperation with persons with disabilities in developing countries look like? What are the experiences in cooperation with governmental and non-governmental development organizations and institutions? What are the major challenges and how can they be met? Do we need specific programmes for girls and women with disabilities?

The conference is directed at actors working in the area of development and disability policy, as well as anyone interested in these issues. The conference will offer a platform for the exchange of experiences, the presentation of successful examples of collaboration with Disabled People's Organizations (DPOs) and work out concrete recommendations for a more effective cooperation of all the actors involved.

The conference will conclude with a panel discussion of politicians and representatives of non-governmental organizations and associations on how they can actively contribute towards the realisation of the UN Convention and its demand for inclusive development.

## TUESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER 2008

10:30 a.m.	Conference Opening and Welcome <i>Karin Evers-Meyer</i> , Federal Government Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities
11:00 a.m.	Human Right to Development – the Role of Disabled People's Organizations in the Process of Development <i>Venus M. Ilagan</i> , Rehabilitation International, USA
11:45 a.m.	A Critical Analysis of Disabled People's Organizations in Southern Africa <i>Dorothy Musakanya</i> , South African Federation of Disabled People (SAFOD), Zimbabwe
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
14:00 p.m.	How can Good Cooperation with Disabled People's Organizations succeed? What is "Empowerment"? <i>Tuija Halvari</i> , Finnish Disabled People's International Development Association (FIDIDA), Finland
15:00 p.m.	Parallel Working Groups: 1. Challenges and Experiences in the Participation of Disabled People's Organizations in the PRS Process (Poverty Reduction Strategies) <i>Dorothea Rischewski</i> , GTZ, Eschborn
	2. Cooperation with Disabled People's Organizations: The Self-Help-Approach as an Example for the Human-Rights-Based Approach of CBM <i>Rolf Muggenburg</i> , CBM (Christian Blind Mission), Bensheim (to be confirmed)
	3. Peer Counselling as an Empowerment Tool. The EU-Project "Jobs through Peers" (Baltic States) <i>Anne Bloom</i> , Berlin
17:00 p.m.	Presentation of the Working Groups' Results
17:30 p.m.	Bezev's Award of Merit
18:00 p.m.	Supper

## WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER 2008

9:00 a.m.	Summary of the First Day
9:15 a.m.	Action on Disability and Development (ADD): A Model for North-South-Collaborative Working in the Disability Rights Movement <i>Shikuku Obosi</i> , ADD, UK
10:00 a.m.	The Cooperation of the German Leprosy and TB Relief Association with Self-Help-Organizations <i>Ernst Hisch</i> , DAHW, Würzburg
10:45 a.m.	Coffee Break
11:15 a.m.	Women and Girls in the Self-Help-Movement. Do we need Specific Programmes and Organizations? <i>Venus M. Ilagan</i> , Rehabilitation International, USA
	Presentation of SAFOD's Women and Girl Specific Programme Approach. <i>Dorothy Musakanya</i> , South African Federation of Disabled People (SAFOD), Zimbabwe
12:00	Lunch
13:00 p.m.	Parallel Working Groups: 1. "Lessons Learned" from the Cooperation between Disabled People's Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations: Learning from Experience – Handing on Experience <i>Ernst Hisch</i> , DAHW, Würzburg, <i>Shikuku Obosi</i> , ADD, UK
	2. Challenges for Non-Governmental Organizations in Cooperation with Disabled People's Organizations <i>Raghavan Ramachandran</i> , ADD, India <i>Nina Urwanzoff</i> , Misereor, Aachen
	3. How can Equal Participation for Girls and Women with Disabilities be Guaranteed? <i>Dorothy Musakanya</i> , SAFOD, Zimbabwe <i>Venus M. Ilagan</i> , Rehabilitation International, USA
14:30 p.m.	Presentation of Working Groups' Results
15:00 p.m.	Coffee Break

15:30 p.m.	<b>Panel Discussion</b> What Challenges, Chances and Perspectives Will Arise for Persons with Disabilities as Actors of Development Cooperation in the Context of the Human Rights Convention? Moderation: <i>Hiltrud Fischer-Taubert</i> , ZDF (German Television)
	Panelists: <i>Dr. Sigrid Arnade</i> , German Council of the Disabled <i>Dorothy Musakanya</i> , SAFOD, Zimbabwe <i>Martin Georgi</i> , Director CBM (Christian Blind Mission) <i>Hans-Reiner Bönning</i> , Voluntary Executive Director of BZSL (Berlin Centre for Independent Living) <i>N.N.</i> , Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (to be confirmed) <i>N.N.</i> , VENRO-Executive Committee (to be confirmed) <i>Spokespersons on Development Cooperation of the Main Political Parties</i> (to be confirmed)

17.00 p.m. **Résumé**

17.15 p.m. **End of Conference**

We reserve the right to change any part of the programme

