Bridging the Gap II (BtG-II)
Learning Spaces (LS) 2018-2019

Webinar N.10 – Advocacy programmes

26 September, 2019 at 2:30 pm CET Brussels Time (English session)

1 – TOPIC

Advocacy programmes: to improve the capacity of developments practitioners, and Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) to implement disability-inclusive advocacy programs at local and international level.

2 – TARGET AUDIENCES

The webinar cycle is addressed to the three target groups of the project, namely:

1. Development practitioners (for instance: agencies, EU delegations)
2. National institutions of the partner countries of Bridging the Gap II (Burkina Faso, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Paraguay and Sudan)
3. National organisations of persons with disabilities

This session is particularly relevant for target group n. 3.

3 – SESSION'S CONTENT, SEQUENCE AND DURATION

Disability advocacy is vital for empowering people with disability to exercise their human rights and avoid discrimination. Disability advocates work to ensure that the voice of the person with a disability is heard and is central to all decision making in all areas of life that affect them. Often national and international policies to support the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with disabilities (CRPD) are absent, ineffective or not turned into practice

Implementing advocacy programmes implies influencing policy decision makers, i.e. those who can legislate, negotiate or set budgets relating to formal public policies. Advocacy is central to delivering social change. This can be achieved through working in coalition with and strengthening the capacities of organisations and movements representing persons with disabilities. Advocacy

is central to making power holders more effective, accountable and responsive to persons with disabilities. If public authorities and other power holders are held accountable, persons with disabilities will have access to better quality services and other public goods.

The session will introduce the following concepts:
- How disability advocacy fits into a Human Rights framework;
- Different types of advocacy;
- Legal frameworks and instruments;
- What knowledge an effective disability advocate uses;
- How to apply advocacy practice.

Sequence of the session
- **Introduction to the session** 5/10 mins
- **Presentation** 40/50 mins
- **Questions & answers** 30/40 mins – Q&A plenary session – Debate

The webinar will last approximately 1.5 hours.

4 – SUGGESTED READINGS AND LEARNING MATERIAL FOR PARTICIPANTS
- 2018 – International Disability Alliance (IDA), CBM: "Toolkit for Engagement of Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (DPO) in the Voluntary National Review Process".
- 2016 – International disability and Development Consortium (IDDC), International Disability Alliance (IDA): "The 2030 Agenda - Introductory Toolkit for Persons with Disabilities".
- 2015 – Humanity&Inclusion (HI): "Making it Work: Good practices for disability-inclusive development and humanitarian action"
- "2014 – CARE International: "The CARE International Advocacy Handbook"
- 2013 – Anne Revillard: "Rights advocacy through participation in policy implementation: the case of the French disability rights movement"
- 2012 – CBM – "INCLUSION MADE EASY: A quick program guide to disability in development".
- 2012 - One Billion Strong: "Action and Advocacy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities".
- 2012 – Disability Rights Fund and disability Advocacy Rights Fund.
- 2010 – International Disability Alliance (IDA): "Influencing the UN Development Assistance Framework Process".

- 2010 - Wamundila Waliuya: "Disability rights advocacy: An advocacy manual for disability rights activists".

5 - LEARNING OBJECTIVES (SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES)

This webinar aims to be a supportive session in sharing good practices, methodologies, strategies and tools to implement disability-inclusive advocacy programmes at global, regional, national and local levels.

The webinar training-cycle issues a Certificate of Attendance only those whom will attend at least 75% of the webinars (i.e. 9 out of 12 webinars) and respond to the evaluation survey.

6 – LANGUAGES AND SCHEDULES

The webinar will be conducted in English, French and Spanish in separate sessions:

Language	Date and time	Speaker	Moderator
English	26 September 2019 at 2:30 pm CET (Brussels Time)	**Imed Ourtani,** Human Rights lawyer	**Alessia Rogai,** BtG-II Knowledge Management and Learning Coordinator
Spanish	23 September 2019 at 4:00pm CET (Brussels Time)	**Andrés Vázquez,** Human Rights lawyer	**Carmen Serrano,** BtG-II Communication Officer
French	26 September 2019 at 12:30 am CET (Brussels time)	**Imed Ourtani,** Human Rights lawyer	**Federico Martire,** BtG-II Director

7 – REGISTRATION

To register to the English session please click here.

Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with the link to join the session at the specified time and date. Registration is limited to 100 participants on a first come, first served basis.

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8 – ACCESSIBILITY
The webinar is live captioned. The link to access the captioning page will be shared together in two reminder emails (respectively 1 day and 1 hour before the session) and in the chat box at the beginning of the webinar.

To improve the visual accessibility of the online training platform GoToWebinar, we recommend to download the smartphone or tablet free application by clicking here.

9 - WHAT IS BRIDGING THE GAP?
Bridging the Gap II (BtG-II) is an initiative funded by the European Union coordinated by the International and Ibero-American Foundation for Administration and Public Policies (FIIAPP) in partnership with the Spanish Agency for Development Cooperation (AECID), the Austrian Development Agency (ADA), the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (IADC), the European Disability Forum (EDF) and the International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC). It aims to contribute to the socio-economic inclusion, equality and non-discrimination of persons with disabilities through more inclusive and accountable institutions and policies.

Bridging the Gap is a targeted thematic response to the requirement to make development cooperation accessible to and inclusive of persons with disabilities, which is an obligation for the European Union (EU) and Member States as parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and which can have a significant impact in improving the social inclusion and promoting the rights of persons with disabilities.

BtG-II supports the mainstreaming of disability in international cooperation and the efforts of five partner countries (Burkina Faso, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Paraguay and Sudan) in planning and implementing inclusive public policies and services.

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