Upcoming Events & Announcements

6th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD
17 July – 19 July 2013;
The 6th session of the Conference of States Parties (COSP6) will be held from 17 July – 19 July. The theme for this session is: “Ensuring adequate standard of living; empowerment and participation of persons with disabilities within the framework of the CRPD.” The sub-themes are: 1) Economic empowerment through inclusive social protection and poverty reduction strategies; 2) Disability-inclusive development in national, regional, and international processes; and 3) Community-based rehabilitation and habilitation for inclusive society. To follow the conference, please visit the UN website.

International Summer School on Community Based Rehabilitation
29 July – 9 August 2013; Kumasi, Ghana
The Dutch Coalition on Disability and Development (DCDD) has announced that the Centre for Disability and Rehabilitation (CEDRES) at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Kumasi, Ghana and ENABLEMENT in the Netherlands will organise an international summer school on Community Based Rehabilitation for the first time. For more information, please visit the DCDD website.

International Conference on Trafficking of Young Women and Children
3 September – 7 September; Melaka, Malaysia
World Youth Foundation, an “NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations,” in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia, Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO, State Government of Melaka, Pembangunan Pertanian Melaka Sdn Bhd and various other agencies will be hosting the International Conference on Trafficking of Young Women and Children. The International Conference on Trafficking of Young Women and Children will provide an opportunity for young people to discuss, understand, share, find solutions, and develop strategies on issues pertaining to young women and human trafficking that can be implemented at country level. More information about the International Conference on Trafficking of Young Women and Children, Please visit WYF’s website.

18th International Leprosy Congress
16 – 19 September 2013; Brussels, Belgium
The International Leprosy Association (ILA) is pleased to announce that there will be 18th International Leprosy Congress in Brussels, Belgium and the ILA welcome all those concerned with the burden of leprosy in the 21st Century to share their experiences in Brussels this September, 2013. Visit ILC Website for more information.

Convergences World Forum
17 – 19 September 2013; Paris, France
Convergences is launching registrations for the 6th edition of the Convergences World Forum. Charities, foundations, companies, philanthropists, social entrepreneurs, academics, journalists, and students will take part in the 6th edition of this international event. Five thousand participants, from over 100 countries, will be involved during 3 days and 3 nights to build together tomorrow’s solutions towards a fair and sustainable world. Come and participate in the Convergences World Forum! For more information, visit the Convergences website.

UN High Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Disability and Development
23 September 2013; New York, USA
The theme of this year’s UN High Level Meeting is “The way forward: a disability inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond”. The co-facilitators of the HLM on disability and development convened for two initial informal meetings on 10 and 14 September at the UN Headquarters to provide an opportunity for an open exchange by all stakeholders in preparation for the high-level meeting and its outcome document. The goal of the upcoming HLM is to produce a concise, action-oriented outcome document in support of the aims of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities.

IDDC members will be participating during the HLM DD. If you are an IDDC member and are planning on attending please contact Julia Wolhandler, coordinator@iddcconsortium.net and Mahesh Chandrasaker, Mahesh.Chandrasekar@lcdisability.org.
Second Global Partnership on Children with Disabilities (GPcwd) Forum
24 September 2013
Plans are being made for the second gathering of the GPcwd to take place on September 24th immediately following the High Level Meeting on Disability and Development. This year’s event will be held at the UNICEF House, followed by a reception. More information on the Partnership and the work of the four task forces (education, nutrition, humanitarian action, and assistive technology) are available at the GPcwd website.

European Week of Action for Girls
11-18 October 2013; Brussels, Belgium
The third annual European Week of Action for Girls will take place from 11-18 October 2013, timed to coincide with the International Day of the Girl Child on 11 October. This week of policy, media, and campaigning and youth events is centered in and on the EU institutions, highlighting the barriers girls face worldwide in accessing their rights. This year’s theme is the invisibility of girls. The 2013 European Week of Action for Girls will draw attention to the invisibility of girls in EU development policy and programming. IDDC will be involved in this year’s week of action for girl’s with some of the following; an article in the Gazette, a roundtable event focused on emergency and risk reduction, a policy paper including key messages for political policy makers on how women and girls with disabilities are invisible in the EU.

Fourth International Conference on Information and Communication Technology and Accessibility
24 – 26 October 2013; Hammamet, Tunisia
The Research Laboratory of Technologies of Information and Communication and Electrical Engineering (LaTICE), of the University of Tunis in collaboration with the Computing Center EL KHAWARIZMI (CCK), with the technical co-sponsorship of IEEE Tunisian Section is organising the fourth international conference on Information and Communication Technology and Accessibility in Hammamet, Tunisia from 24-26 October. This year’s theme is Design 4 all. The conference explores the design, evaluation and use of computing and information technologies to make life easier especially for specific groups of users like people with disabilities. For more information about the international conference, visit to ICTA 2013 website.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities
3 December 2013
The theme of this year’s International Day of Persons with Disabilities is: "Break barriers, open doors: for an inclusive society for all." A major focus of the International Day is practical and concrete action to include disability in all aspects of development, as well as to further the participation of persons with disabilities in social life and development on the basis of equality. Visit the UN website to receive more information about the event.
Articles and Publications

CBM and partners launch key publication on Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Management
As disasters have such a huge impact on human lives, it is vital to make Disaster Risk Management inclusive to all. In a key publication on Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Management, there are eleven good practices of inclusive Disability Disaster Risk experiences, that show concrete practical examples of how persons with disabilities are active participants in various disability disaster risk (DDR) invention. The publication is now available on the CBM website.

High Level Exchange Report on the Inclusion of persons with disabilities in the Millennium Development Goals and Beyond
On the 10th of June 2013, the European Disability Forum (EDF) and the International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC) organised, with the support of the European Economic and Social Committee, a High Level Exchange on the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the post-2015 development framework. Report on the EDF IDDC High Level Exchange

Teachers for All: Inclusive Teaching for Children with Disabilities
The development of 'Teachers for All: Inclusive Teaching for Children with Disabilities' paper was coordinated by the IDDC Inclusive Education Task group and funded by Sightsavers. The focus of this position paper is children with disabilities. The paper mainly focuses on ‘basic education’ (early childhood, primary, and lower secondary levels) and recognises the crucial importance of using a ‘twin-track’ approach to inclusive education. What happens to children with disabilities if they do not receive a proper education? How do these situations fluctuate around the world? Find out through the Teachers for All: Inclusive Teaching for Children with Disabilities position paper

The 2013 edition of UNICEF’s The State of the World’s Children has launched and includes disability!
UNICEF’s The State of the World’s Children report examines the discrimination and deprivations that these children and their families confront. The report describes the process that is being made, albeit unevenly, in ensuring that children with disabilities have the fair access to services and opportunities that is their right. This report urges governments, international partners, civil society, and employers to take concrete steps to advance the cause of inclusion.

It is the hope of UNICEF that this report will inform the dialogue and nurture the action that is necessary to create a world in which children with disabilities enjoy their rights on a par with other children, even in the most remote settings and the most deprived circumstances.

The report is available for free PDF download and is available in English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Azerbaijani, Italian, Portuguese, and Turkish.
ADD Response to Sunday Times articles
Read ADD CEO and IDDC board member Tim Wainwright’s response to two articles: “UK aid charities ‘forget’ disabled” and “The disabled people hidden from view” on the ADD website.

Youth with disabilities share their statement to the world
In Leonard Cheshire Disability’s news publication: Young Voices—our statement to the world, young persons with disabilities from across the globe have come together to agree on a common statement of what they think needs to change to make the rights of persons with disabilities a reality. Covering a broad range of issues, including education, employment, health and political participation, the publication also features case studies of how our Young Voices groups have taken action to promote equal opportunities for persons with disabilities.

Leonard Cheshire Disability’s Young Voices project brings together groups of young persons with disabilities from 23 countries across Africa, Asia, and America to campaign for the rights of people with disabilities. For more information visit Young Voices.

Source – International Online Resource Centre on Disability and Inclusion
Source is an international online resource centre designed to strengthen the management, use and impact of information on disability and inclusion in development and humanitarian contexts. For more information visit Source.

Call for –
Zero Project 2014
The Zero Project’s mission is to support the rights of persons with disabilities, as stated in the UN Convention adopted on 13 December 2006. Its main activity is to research the most outstanding Innovative Practices and Innovative Policies worldwide by engaging leading experts in the nomination and evaluation process. The selected practices and policies will be presented in the Zero Project Report, on its website and at the Zero Project Conference. The Zero Project team is basing their research for the event on nominations of both Innovative Practice and Innovative Policy that address the issue of accessibility and persons with disabilities. The Zero Project team’s approach to accessibility will, in accordance with Article 9 of the UN Convention, not look only at the “built environment,” but also at other areas including: access to information and communication, transport, products, services, and more. The Zero Project team would be greatly honoured if you participate in their project by providing them with your nomination(s). The deadline to submit nominations is 29 July 2013. To nominate Innovative Practice and/or Innovative Policy, please visit www.zeroproject.org/about/nominations/

ESCAP: Disability Awards
Nominations are now open for the "ESCAP-Sasakawa Award for Disability-Inclusive Business in Asia and the Pacific." The ESCAP-Sasakawa Award seeks to recognise the leadership of companies that provide enabling working environments for persons with disabilities, deliver inclusive products and services, and are innovative in their disability-inclusive approach. Awards are available within three (3) categories: Disability-inclusive multinational enterprise, Disability-inclusive national enterprise, Disability-inclusive entrepreneurial business. All winners will receive ongoing public recognition for their excellence and innovation in the field of disability-inclusive business, with the winner of the entrepreneurial category to additionally receive a cash prize from US $50,000 to $100,000. Nominations will be accepted until 19 August 2013. For more information, visit www.di-business-award.com

**Job opportunities**

- **Australian AID** is seeking a HIV Harm Reduction specialist, to provide technical support to HAARP Cambodia Program to enable the Country Support Unit (CSU) to effectively and efficiently manage and implement the program in Cambodia. Based in Cambodia.

  For more information, consult [Top Recruitment](#).

  To apply for the position, email a CV and cover letter to veasna@top-recruitment.com

  - **Heard** is seeking to employ for the following positions: researcher, junior researcher, research intern

    The information can be found at [HEARD website](#).

  - **Handicap International** is looking for an Inclusive Educational Technical support starting in October 2013 for 1.5 month. Based in Dili, Timor-Leste.

    Deadline for applications: 10 August 2013

    For more information consult [Handicap International](#)

    To apply for the position, email a CV and cover letter with reference to recrut07@handicap-international.org

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