



Leaving No One Behind, Turning Goals into Actions

Summary of recommendations from IDDC

In the first year of Agenda 2030, and as part of its 2016 General Assembly, the International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC) organised a workshop on “**Leaving No One Behind, Turning Goals into Actions.**”

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the global commitment to “Leave no one behind” moves us from the Millennium Development Goal framework where disability was excluded, to one where the inclusion of persons with disabilities is recognised.

The unequivocal consequence of this commitment is that non-discrimination is a non-negotiable starting point for development efforts under the SDGs, with progressive realisation of the UN Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities providing a path to full inclusion.

This will allow disabled persons’ organisations (DPOs) and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to focus more energy on enabling and informing governments’ implementation of inclusive development, rather than having to argue for it on principle at every junction.

The purpose of the workshop was to identify ways of working for IDDC in response to the SDGs framework to ensure that all persons with disabilities benefit from the SDGs. The recommendations that emerged from the workshop are mainly directed internally towards IDDC members and are to inform the network’s actions.

Other civil society, governments, international organisations are encouraged to use these recommendations to inform their interpretation and practice of SDG implementation.

With this in mind, the 96 participants of the workshop were divided into 3 groups, each discussing a specific topic:

- Data/Monitoring of the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda
- National Implementation Plans
- Leave No One Behind: What does it mean for the most discriminated groups?

The following recommendations to IDDC Task Groups and Members were proposed and agreed upon by the network.

Data/Monitoring of the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda

1. Lobby governments and national statistics offices to collect demographic data on persons with disabilities.
2. Provide guidance to DPOs on collection of disability data and disability-related information.
3. Work in partnership with DPOs to advocate for collection of disability data and disability-related information.
4. Promote and use the Washington Group on Disability Statistics' questions¹ to disaggregate data by disability in data collection work, along with disaggregation by gender and age.
5. Link, refer to, promote the use of, and integrate SDG indicators in reporting.
6. Collaborate in collecting and sharing data.

National Implementation Plans

1. Invest in awareness-raising and ensure the meaningful engagement of concerned persons with disabilities (where possible in collaboration with other marginalised groups) in key consultations and government fora where plans and priorities are decided.
2. Ensure we use the current momentum towards inclusion of persons with disabilities to secure the resources and political space necessary for inclusion.
3. When necessary, incorporate disability within a broader inclusive discourse and work with others to build recommendations on what it takes to have fully inclusive goals, systems, programmes, and services overall.
4. Connect, coordinate and test the scalability of pilot initiatives (including costing) and develop approaches for inclusion in national systems.
5. Ensure coordination in lobbying towards mainstream actors in different sectors and develop technical resources to support mainstream actors to become more disability inclusive.
6. Support and work in partnership with DPOs to develop evidence to build the case for inclusion, and to transform this evidence into political messages.

¹ [Washington Group set of questions](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/washington_group/wg_questions.htm), Washington Group on Disability Statistics - http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/washington_group/wg_questions.htm

Leave No One Behind: What does it mean for the most discriminated groups?

1. Develop a compelling case for support that responds to the language of government, supported by improved documentation and dissemination of good practices.
2. Improve diversity and ensure compliance of our own practices with the Leave No One Behind commitment (e.g. staffing, data collection, strategic plans).
3. Identify complementarities and support and enable allies, including representative organisations of persons with disabilities, as part of a learning process while taking care to avoid overprotective approaches.
4. Invest, support, and enable self-advocacy of the most marginalised groups and community-based organisations and groups to actively participate and develop their capacities on core issues, advocacy and peer-support.

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