Dear UDPK and ADF Members/partners/colleagues,

The International Disability Alliance (IDA) and the International Disability & Development Consortium (IDDC), in 2015 developed the **Bridge CRPD-SDGs training initiative** to support leaders and resource persons of organizations of people with disabilities to advocate for inclusion and realization of all human rights for all persons with disabilities in resource-constrained environments, and facing challenging governance and competing agendas and politics at national and local levels.

The intensive Bridge CRPD-SDGs program focuses on an inclusive and comprehensive understanding of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) as well as generating a CRPD perspective on development in general and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in particular. As an outcome of the training program, advocates would have stronger skills and knowledge to make the most of both SDGs and the CRPD to ensure realization of all human rights for all persons with disabilities.

**United Disabled Persons of Kenya (UDPK), the African Disability Forum (ADF)**, and other IDA members, together with IDDC and their members have the pleasure to launch this

**open call for participation in the Bridge CRPD-SDGs Kenyan cycle.**

In case you or your organisation is interested to apply, ensure you fulfil the following criteria:

* Be an active member of an organization of persons with disabilities (DPO) or a member of a DPO federation that is a member organization of the African Disability Forum (ADF) be it at a national, sub-regional or continental level, or any other IDA member, or partner of the International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC),
* Be from disability groups who have been traditionally excluded, such as people with leprosy, deafblindness, psychosocial disabilities or intellectual disabilities, showing evidence of being an active member of a group with the view to establishing or linking to a DPO,
* A commitment to learning, exchange, mentor and support other disability activists within their own group and beyond: be this at a local, national or regional level,
* Have a genuine commitment to working inclusively to strengthen a cross-disability movement, being ready to share and learn about the complexity and diversity of the lived experience of disability,
* A working awareness of the CRPD and a commitment to learn more about how to apply human rights concepts approach, including using other human rights treaties, and the SDGs to advocate for disability inclusive public policy at national and local levels,
* Demonstrate experience, interest and aptitude to engage in influencing development processes and public policy, be this at a local, national or regional level,
* Be able to fully attend both modules and to undertake given assignments (a full missed day disqualifies the participant from completing the Bridge training),

***Language***

The medium of the training will be **English** and ability to effectively communicate through other mediums such as sign language or any alternative modes and formats of communication is required.

***Most marginalised groups***

The selection of candidates will be an open process based on fair representation of sex, age and different types of disabilities and background such as people from rural and remote areas and ethnic minorities. Deaf people, persons with deafblindness, persons with intellectual disabilities, persons with psychosocial disabilities, persons with autism, persons with albinism and persons with disabilities from minority groups are strongly encouraged to apply.

***Fees***

Participation in the Bridge CRPD-SDGs training neither incurs fees to the trainee nor to their organisations. For that reason, each and all Bridge CRPD-SDGs participants commit themselves in reverting back the knowledge and experiences acquired in Bridge to their organisations and networks, as well as to the broad disability movement.

***Application***

Interested persons are invited to provide a file containing:

1) A letter of expression of interest stating experience and commitment to the whole process (one page maximum). This could be done via recorded oral or video presentation, including in sign language.

2) An updated CV.

3) A letter of recommendation on letterhead from a member DPO of a national, sub-regional or continental DPO, member of the African Disability Forum, UDPK, IDA or IDDC member.

Files, including the letter of expression of interest and the required information **must be submitted**:

·         **By e-mail to the following address:**[bridge\_platform@ida-secretariat.org](mailto:bridge_platform@ida-secretariat.org) 

·         **No later than February 29, 2020**