



# International Disability and Development Consortium

## Activity Report 2022



## Dear friends,

Whereas these remain difficult times for many of us both organisationally and individually due to the multiple impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, armed conflicts, the new debt crisis and climate change, there is also much to recognise and celebrate in 2022. We have seen emerging a momentum for discussing disability rights and inclusion on the global stage at the Global Disability Summit 2022. As a network, IDDC put forward 14 commitments and I am proud to say that work is ongoing on most of them and resulted in a fair share of achievements already.

Advocacy, enhanced collaboration and capacity building remained at the heart of our activities, always building on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. 2022 has also been a year of inner reflection for our network as we initiated the development of IDDC's future Strategic Framework that will guide our work beyond 2023.

Working in alliance with partners in promoting disability-inclusive

international development and humanitarian action in the Global South is fundamental. "Unity is strength", a motto that we can make ours as I believe it fits well our ways of working both internally among our members and externally with our partners. In this respect, I would like to highlight in particular our long-standing partnership with the International Disability Alliance as well as our membership with the GLAD Network. 2022 brought brilliant outcomes and I look forward to those still to come.

Finally, let me thank all Task Group Coordinators, Board members and the IDDC Secretariat, they are the lifeblood of the network's ability to bring us all together in the pursuit of our shared goals and ensure we can speak with one, more powerful voice. On behalf of IDDC and its members, I would like to express how much we value your support in further promoting disability inclusive development and humanitarian action!

**Dominic Haslam**  
Chair

## About us

**IDDC is a global network of civil society organisations gathering around a common vision: a world that leaves no persons with disabilities behind. For the past 25 years, this vision has driven our action, and our mission is to promote disability-inclusive international development and humanitarian action in the Global South.**

IDDC unites non-governmental organisations specialising either in disability inclusion or in mainstream humanitarian and development, organisations of persons with disabilities, and national and international networks. We are a member-led network: our members are at the heart of our activities. To achieve our goal, we recognise the importance of working in alliance and in multi-disciplinary way with key partners, including other disability-focused organisations, networks, donors, and experts.

IDDC is fully committed to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its principles guide our actions.

# Highlights 2022

## 14 GDS Commitments

Showing commitment to inclusive development and humanitarian action

## Cooperation in the Global South

A GA workshop to reflect on an IDDC strategic priority

## CoSP15 Virtual Expo

5 booth stands to share good practices in inclusive livelihoods

## Creation of the Climate Action Task Group

IDDC keeps widening its areas of expertise

## Transforming Education Summit Call to Action

177 signatories and still going on

## GLAD Network

Key network where IDDC contributes in many structures

## Statement on the EU Global Health Strategy

A great example of joint work among Task Groups and with the European Disability Forum

## Behind the highlights...

### Executive Board

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# Promoting Inclusive Development and Humanitarian Action

## Advocacy and Enhanced Collaboration

- Supported the organisation of the Global Disability Summit 2022 by:
  - ◇ Collecting case studies from IDDC members to be highlighted in an International Disability Alliance discussion paper around meaningful engagement of organisations of persons with disabilities,
  - ◇ Launching the GLAD Network-IDDC-International Disability Alliance Infographic on Education and Technology,
  - ◇ Moderating and speaking at Global Disability Summit-related panels and events.
  - ◇ Developing 14 new commitments – many of which possess advocacy components.
- Organised the IDDC General Assembly workshop on “Cooperation in the Global South in the context of IDDC Strategic Framework”.
- Monitored several European Union processes and issued joint statements with the European Disability Forum on:
  - ◇ The upcoming review of the EU’s implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Only the joint IDDC-EDF submission had a specific focus on CRPD Articles 11 and 32.
  - ◇ The EU consultation for the mid-term review of the EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy 2020-2024,
  - ◇ The EU Global Health Strategy, which for the first time includes references to the rights of persons with disabilities in access to health care in the world and to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with disabilities.
- Campaigned for disability inclusive education at the Transforming Education Summit through a broad range of activities: a social media campaign, a Side Event with International Disability Alliance and external networks like UNESCO, GCE-US, National Governments and a Call to Action that gathered above 170 signatories at the end of 2022.
- Provided technical support for the development of the ‘Global report on health equity for persons with disabilities’, facilitating engagement between the World Health Organisation and the GLAD Network.
- Partnered with the International Disability Alliance, OHCHR and UNICEF for the Community 2030 initiative with the view of developing a joint narrative from which to build communication, programmatic work, and cooperation.
- Raised awareness on the economic empowerment and entrepreneurship of persons with disabilities at the 15th Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities through a virtual exposition.
- Participated in the GLAD Network, co-chaired its working groups on Inclusive Health and Inclusive Education, participated and advocated for the creation of a new GLAD working group focusing on livelihoods.

## Capacity Development

- Organised several learning sessions for our members to develop their capabilities and knowledge on:
  - ◇ The inclusion of people with deafblindness in healthcare programmes,
  - ◇ Livelihoods, agriculture and food security,
  - ◇ Village Savings and Loan Associations,
  - ◇ The participation of persons with disabilities within UN processes and among UN development actors, including UN agencies and Member States.
- The Bridge CRPD-SDGs training initiative successfully implemented 10 training modules with the support of a variety of IDDC members:
  - ◇ Bridge CRPD-SDGs Bolivia Module 1 (February 2022)
  - ◇ Bridge CRPD-SDGs Bangladesh Module 1 (March 2022)
  - ◇ Bridge CRPD-SDGs South Asia Module 2 (March 2022)
  - ◇ Bridge CRPD-SDGs Kenya Module 2 (March 2022)
  - ◇ Bridge CRPD-SDGs Central America (July 2022)
  - ◇ Bridge CRPD-SDGs Sub Saharan Africa Module 2 (July-August 2022)
  - ◇ Bridge CRPD-SDGs West Africa Module 1 (August 2022)
  - ◇ Bridge CRPD-SDGs Training of Trainers Validation Workshop (October 2022)
  - ◇ Bridge CRPD-SDGs Bolivia Module 2 (October-November 2022)
  - ◇ Bridge CRPD-SDGs Portuguese Speaking African Countries Module 1 (November 2022)

### BRIDGE CRPD-SDGs



The Bridge CRPD-SDGs Training initiative is a unique capacity development initiative between the International Disability Alliance and IDDC.

Launched in 2015, the initiative is designed as an intensive training programme that aims to develop an inclusive (all persons with disabilities) and comprehensive (all human rights) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities perspective on development, including the Agenda 2030 and SDGs, to reinforce their advocacy for inclusion and realisation of rights of persons with disabilities. Many Bridge alumni have been involved in advocacy on the Agenda 2030 in their countries, including parallel reporting on the SDGs and their indicators for the inclusion of persons with disabilities. Bridge alumni have also attended forums related to the Agenda 2030 such as the World Urban Forum, COP27, Beijing +25 events, High-Level Political Forum, etc.

# IDDC Global Disability Summit 2022 Commitments – where are we?

## Strengthening engagement with organisations of persons with disabilities in particular in the Global South

Commitments	Status
Supporting good practice among IDDC members and task groups and comparative networks by developing and drafting a guidance note on best practices for meaningful engagement of Organisation of Persons with Disabilities in task group activities, and for sharing with external colleagues. The guidance note will be drafted and various learning sessions will be conducted by the end of 2023.	Ongoing
Providing bilateral discussion / support / learning sessions to different task groups on meaningful engagement of Organisations of Persons with Disabilities and persons with disabilities and what the entry points are for this in their activities.	On hold
Continue to advocate with EU institutions, providing analyses, evidence and recommendations in order to properly implement the external section 6 of the EU strategy on the rights of persons with disabilities, especially to develop adequate policy and operational tools, staff competence building, partnership with Organisations of Persons with Disabilities and other disability-focused organisations.	Ongoing
Foster dialogue and joint initiatives with both Organisation of Persons with Disabilities and mainstream Non Governmental Organisations and networks to advocate towards the EU institutions for compliance of EU international cooperation actions with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.	Ongoing
Continue to advocate for the full implementation of the UN Disability Inclusion Strategy, to ensure greater progress towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals for persons with disabilities and to support greater fulfilment of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. This will be achieved through engaging with UN Disability Strategy accountability mechanisms, advocating for greater uptake and implementation of UNDIS with United Nations agencies in New York and Geneva; and making use of the Conference of State Parties other relevant fora (e.g. High-Level Political Forum) to call attention to progress being made towards the implementation of UNDIS.	Ongoing
Continue to advocate for the gathering, promotion and use of disability inclusive data that can help to better understand the realities faced by persons with disabilities and the extent to which their rights under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities are being met. This will include continuing to host a specific working group on disability data; contributing to global discussions and dialogue on disability inclusive data, including at the World Data Forum and through increasing engagement with the Global Partnership on Sustainable Development Data; and engagement of IDDC members with the Inclusive Data Charter.	Ongoing
Make efforts to engage with GLAD on inclusive safeguarding and offer to run a session on the importance of donors committing to inclusive safeguarding and how to apply best practice in a programmatic setting.	On hold

## Inclusive Education

Commitments	Status
<p>Advocating for increased sustainable long term funding for inclusive education, to support the development of budgeted inclusive education sector plans, and to promote safe, equitable and quality inclusive education policies at national level. Within 2-3 years IDDC will have supported at least 2 advocacy campaigns on the topics mentioned above, and will have contributed to at least 4 international documents ( e.g. statements/ reports) relating to the promotion of the global inclusive education agenda.</p>	Ongoing
<p>Advocating for increased capacity building of the education workforce, including workforce members with disabilities to promote safe, equitable, diverse quality provision of inclusive education which meets the diverse needs of all learners, including those with disabilities. Within 2-3 years IDDC will support at least 2 advocacy campaigns on the topics referred to above and will contribute to at least 2 documents (e.g., statements / reports) to promote quality teaching and learning.</p>	Ongoing
<p>Advocating for incorporating the principles of universal design for learning in all aspects of teaching and learning, including capacity building, assessments, reasonable accommodations and assistive technology to promote targeted support for learners with disabilities, based on individual needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Point 1: Within 2 years, publish and disseminate resources that highlight the potential of technology to support inclusive education of children with disabilities and other marginalised groups.</li> <li>• Point 2: Within 2 to 3 years support and contribute to at least 4 international documents (e.g. resources /statements / reports) related to the topics mentioned above</li> </ul>	Ongoing

## Inclusive livelihoods and social protection

Commitments	Status
<p>Working in collaboration with GLAD to establish working groups on disability inclusive livelihoods programming (including formal and informal sectors, access to finance, skills and markets) and to keep these active for the duration of the current GLAD strategy through 2023.</p>	Ongoing



## Inclusive health

Commitments	Status
<p>Continue to advocate for the promotion of disability inclusion as a precondition for the achievement of universal health coverage. Over the next two years, IDDC will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work closely with the World Health Organisation to support the preparation and dissemination of the global report on health and disability;</li> <li>• Advocate for the implementation of the World Health Assembly Resolution EB148.R6 on the highest attainable standard of health for persons with disabilities, both through direct advocacy interventions, and as part of our co-chairing role within the GLAD Inclusive Health Working Group;</li> <li>• Collaborate with at least two strategic mainstream health partners and contribute to at least five mainstream health events, with a view to promoting disability inclusion as part of universal health coverage and addressing multiple and intersecting discrimination in the health sector, including sexism and ageism.</li> </ul>	Ongoing

## Gender

Commitments	Status
<p>Working towards the inclusion of all women and girls with disabilities in all aspects of the Consortium's work. We will achieve this through advocating for the equal participation of all people with disabilities, with specific emphasis on the empowerment of women and girls, and we will advocate for the acceleration of the achievement of gender equality in all situations, including in the representation of the network in external fora, which will include specific support and partnerships with women-led Organisations of Persons with Disabilities.</p>	Ongoing
<p>Offer an annual community of practice session to IDDC membership where organisations are invited to share challenges, successes, and learnings in delivering disability inclusive safeguarding. The IDDC will additionally develop a guidance note on the best ways to meaningfully engage with Organisations of Persons with Disabilities on safeguarding; with a focus on engaging and empowering women and girls in Organisation of Persons with Disabilities, to help discourage harm, abuse and exploitation and improve accountability in reporting systems.</p>	To be done



# IDDC Member Organisations

Able Child Africa | ADD International | Associazione Italiana Amici di Raoul Follereau | Atlas Alliance | Bezev | CBM Christian Blind Mission | CBM Global Disability Inclusion | Deafblind International | Deaf Child Worldwide | Disability Partnership Finland | Disabled Peoples Organisation Denmark | EU-CORD | FAIRMED | FHI 360 | FOAL | Global Disability Innovation Hub | HelpAge International | Humanity & Inclusion | Inclusion International | International Foundation for Electoral Systems | International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations | Kupenda for the Children | Leonard Cheshire | Light for the World | Liliane Foundation | MyRight | NLR | Norwegian Association of Disabled | OVCI | Plan International | Redd Barna | Royal Kentalis | SeeYou Foundation | Sense International | Sightsavers | Voluntary Service Overseas



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