



Australian **Disability+Development** Consortium



THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Implementing disability-inclusive development in the Pacific and Asia: Reviewing progress, planning the future

An international conference and action planning roundtable
15-17 September 2010
Darwin Convention Centre, Australia

FIRST NOTICE

Participate in reviews and discussion about practical actions being taken in the Pacific and Asia to ensure that local, national and international development includes people with disability. Review progress with the Australian Government's disability strategy "Development for All", and network with individuals, community groups, local, national and international organizations and government representatives involved in disability-inclusive development. You will be encouraged to contribute your experience and learn from that of others.

The two-day conference and one-day action-based roundtable seek practical ways for people with disabilities in the Asia Pacific region and Australian Aboriginal communities to best fulfil their human rights.

Join people with disability, disability practitioners, development workers, representatives of disabled people's organizations, community leaders, policy makers, politicians, aid donors, development contractors, academics, government and non government organisations from the Pacific, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, United States and Europe in an informed discussion of improving inclusion for persons with disability. The conference will be structured around presentation of papers, discussion, short case studies, workshop sessions on key themes and an opportunity to participate in a one-day roundtable.

THE PROGRAM

The conference will explore:

- Progress in implementing disability-inclusive programs, with practical experience from the region—capacity building, vocational training, community involvement, education, health, livelihoods, gender.
- Best practice in implementing disability-inclusive development – how DPOs and people with disabilities are working to improve inclusion and equity.
- Experience in addressing disability in Australian indigenous communities.
- The economic impact of disability-inclusive development.
- Disability research needs.
- The impact of policies, legislation and international conventions on action.

The roundtable will allow in-depth discussion on:

- Key experiences in implementing disability-inclusive development.
- Developing effective partnerships and networks.
- Expanding partnerships for research, advocacy, service delivery and capacity building.
- Measuring success and sharing information.
- Planning for the future.

THE SPEAKERS

The conference, workshops and roundtable will include international, regional, national and community-based speakers and discussants. They will provide a wide range of hands-on experience in implementing disability-inclusive development.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Discuss, network, build capacity, learn, contribute, meet old friends and make new ones in Darwin, September 15-17, 2010. Please email your interest in attending and any special needs you may have. We will notify you as soon as registration is available.

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REGISTRATION FEES

Two-day conference

Government/Institutions/Companies	\$660 per person
Individuals and members of NGOs	\$550 per person
People with disabilities and students	\$330 per person

Roundtable (optional)

All participants	\$165 per person
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Conference Dinner with Ted Egan
(Darwin Sailing Club)

\$ 75 (optional)

Inclusions: Registration fees include morning and afternoon teas, lunch, welcome reception and drinks at Parliament House, Darwin (14th), cocktails and tour of Crocosaurus Cove (15th); farewell drinks (16th); cocktails after Roundtable (17th).

Accommodation: Special accommodation rates are currently being negotiated. There are excellent hotels with fully disability-accessible rooms.

Collaboration: The conference is organized by the ADDC and ANU in close collaboration with ACFID, NDS and the Darwin-based organisations Integrated Disability Action and Sommerville Community Services Inc.

