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| WELCOME - ADDC NEWSWelcome to a new year and a 'new look' ADDC Bulletin! We want to deliver you a Bulletin that is as informative and easy to use as possible, so we are trying out some new approaches in this edition. We would to hear your thoughts on this so please email them through. Have your say in ADDC's next strategyADDC’s main focus for the next few months is undertaking consultations leading into the development of our new strategic plan for the years 2018 – 2021. We would love to hear what you think our priorities should be for the next few years, as well as reflections on ADDC’s past successes, so please have your say via this [short, 5 question online survey.](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KS9VPDD)  The ADDC Executive Committee will meet to review findings of the consultations and draft the new strategic plan in April 2018.  International Women's Day - Communications Kit for you!Yesterday we sent our members a [full-to-bursting Communications Kit](http://bit.ly/2GBp5uH)in the lead up to International Women's Day (IWD) on 8 March. We want to make sure that IWD activities celebrate women with disabilities and highlight the need to include them in all international development efforts.This Communications Kit is designed to help you to do just that, providing suggested social media, key messages, case studies, video and infographics that can be adapted by individuals and organisations big and small. The resources were developed by CBM Australia and **can all be accessed by anyone for free via drop box at** [http://bit.ly/2GBp5uH.](http://bit.ly/2GBp5uH)  ****Become an ADDC member for FREE**** Did you know that the majority of subscribers to this ADDC Bulletin are not actually ADDC members? If you didn't receive our email about IWD yesterday, you're probably not a member! To access the full range of what ADDC has to offer its members, we encourage you to [sign up via our website](https://www.addc.org.au/get-involved/become-a-member/) – it will take less than a minute!  LATEST SECTOR NEWS  ****International Day of Sign Languages declared by the United Nations****The United Nations General Assembly has declared 23 September as International Day of Sign Languages. Read the [resolution](http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/C.3/72/L.36/Rev.1) (International Sign version [here](https://vimeo.com/245920575)) and [press release](https://mailchi.mp/b99cf37a9122/united-nations-declared-23-september-as-international-day-of-sign-languages?e=922c09996f) from the World Federation of the Deaf.  Name Change for Handicap InternationalIn order to communicate more effectively on the diversity of its activities, Handicap International is [changing its international network’s operating name](https://hi.org/en/index.snc) from Handicap International to Humanity & Inclusion (HI) and adopting a new logo. This will of have no effect on the nature of its missions and activities.  ****Disability-inclusive Education in Africa Trust Fund****The World Bank and USAID have created a new $3 million Disability-Inclusive Education in Africa Program Trust Fund. The Disability-Inclusive Education in Africa Program Trust Fund will benefit students with disabilities in Africa by financing World Bank-executed activities that leverage USAID programs, Bank-financed projects, and analytical work over a three-year period. The expected outcomes are: (a) increased use by African governments and development practitioners of evidence-based programmatic and policy recommendations and tools to design and implement inclusive education interventions; and (b) increased access and enrolment of girls and boys with disabilities in targeted African countries. Specifically, the Trust Fund will promote more strategic use of resources for disability inclusion, and provide more flexible support for emerging needs and priorities in project preparation. (Source: GAATES) ****New research shows ‘Learning for All’ must include children with disabilities****[New research](http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/396291511988894028/Disability-gaps-in-educational-attainment-and-literacy) from the World Bank and the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) finds that the gap between children with and without disabilities has increased dramatically over time. The analysis is based on census data for 19 countries, and thereby tends to capture children with severe disabilities. The data shows that educational attainment and literacy have increased for children with disabilities, but at a much slower pace than for children without disabilities. The study finds, for example, that less than half of children with disabilities complete their primary education and as many as three in ten never enroll in school. (Source:GAATES)  NEW RESOURCES  [Key recommendations for an Inclusive Urban Agenda](http://www.cbm.org/article/downloads/54741/The-Inclusion-Imperative-Towards-Disability-Inclusive-and-Accessible-Urb....pdf?platform=hootsuite)CBM along with World Enabled has drafted a document titled 'The Inclusive Imperative: Towards Disability-Inclusive & Accessible Urban Development', which lists out key recommendations for an Inclusive Urban Agenda. [Celebrating APIDS](https://www.addc.org.au/file/celebrating-the-short-history-of-an-australian-ngo/)Deborah Rhodes has [written a paper](https://www.addc.org.au/file/celebrating-the-short-history-of-an-australian-ngo/): ‘‘Celebrating the Short History of an Australian NGO’ on the short history of Australia Pacific Islands Disability Support (APIDS), which was recently converted from being an organisation to a project of World Relief Australia (WRA). They learned a great deal from establishing and running a voluntary NGO over 11 years. They would like to share the paper with others, including their supporters, since they believe some of their experiences and reflections may be relevant and useful for other organisations.  OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT  [****ICT Accessibility and Digital Inclusion in Development Efforts Survey****](http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3946867/Development-Practitioner-Survey-Protocol):****International Development Stakeholder Feedback Needed****You are invited totake 10-minute online survey about opportunities or challenges your organization faces in incorporating ICT accessibility and digital inclusion into development projects financed by a multilateral development bank (MDB) or international development agency. The research will help identify the tools or resources might make it easier to elevate the issue and incorporate ICT accessibility more fully.  [****WBU members survey****](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6FNQGJ7)Dr. Joel Snyder, who supports the American Council of the Blind Audio Description program, has been working with the WBU team in trying to learn more about what is available in terms of audio description around the world.  WBU members are asked to complete this brief survey by 15 April.  JOB AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES  [Senior Human Rights Advisor](http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/job_description_senior_human_rights_advisor_hrc_ga_application_package.docx)****International Disability Alliance****The International Disability Alliance is recruiting a Senior Human Rights Advisor to cover both the Human Rights Council and UN General Assembly. The Senior Human Rights Advisor will be responsible for coordinating, providing technical expertise and advising IDA advocacy work to promote the rights of persons with disabilities in the Human Rights Council and all related bodies, and at the UN General Assembly and Conference of State Parties to the CRPD. Closing date: 16 March 2018  [****Disability Assessment Consultant****](https://www.alws.org.au/index.php/about-us/positions-vacant)****, PNG**** ****Australian Lutheran World Service****Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea are seeking a consultant to carry out a Disability-inclusion Assessment with a gender focus with the 7 partner churches in the CPP. These churches are at different stages in their disability-inclusive development work both organisationally and in their programming. The Assessment will involve in-country consultations with partner churches and other stakeholders, based in Port Moresby, Goroka, Mt Hagen and Lae.Closing date: 2 March 2018  [****National Disability Conference Initiative****](https://forms.business.gov.au/smartforms/servlet/SmartForm.html?formCode=PRD00-CGHAPP&FRID=4-77DME5X&RegID=4-790QVTF)The Australian Government is inviting applications through an open process to apply for the Disability, Mental Health and Carers Program – Disability and Carer Support - National Disability Conference Initiative. The initiative provides funding of up to $10,000 for disability-related conferences with a national focus planned for the 2018-19 year to assist people with disability with the costs of attending conferences, assist family members or carers providing support to a person with disability attending a conference and/or facilitate access so that people with disability can participate in conferences.  Eligibility: Indigenous Corporation, Company, Incorporated Association, Cooperative, Partnership, Statutory Entity, Trustees on behalf of a Trust.Closing date: 2pm 20 March 2018  ****Funding to attend**** [****38th Session of the Human Rights Council,****](http://dfat.gov.au/international-relations/themes/human-rights/Pages/funding-opportunities.aspx) ****June-July 2018****The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) is pleased to support the attendance of one Australian civil society representative at the 38th Session of the Human Rights Council (HRC38) in June-July 2018. The June Session of the Council traditionally focuses on gender equality and women’s rights.  CONFERENCES, TRAINING & EVENTS  [Free online course on Global Health and Disability](https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/global-disability/1)****Ongoing, online****The International Centre for Evidence in Disability at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine launched a 3- week online course on Global Health and Disability on 26 February 2018. It is suited to anyone with an interest in health and disability, from low or high income settings. The course is free, and takes 4 hours per week. It aims to raise awareness about the importance of health and well-being of people with disabilities in the context of the global development agenda: Leaving no one behind.  [****International Conference on Accessible Adventure****](http://icaanepal.com/)****Kathmandu, Nepal, 29-31 March 2018****ICAA 2018 will promote international best practices in inclusive tourism for senior travellers and travellers with disabilities, focusing on improving tourism facilities and services to attract and provide new opportunities for people with disabilities in tourism employment and exploration of Nepal.The theme "**Inspirations and Perspiration**" is to promote the awareness, planning, commitment and collaboration necessary to make Nepal "the accessible adventure capital of Asia". The keynote speaker is Corporal Hari Buddha Magar, Nepal's famous Gurkha war hero who was injured by an IED in Afghanistan. Hari aims to be the first double-amputee above the knees to scale Mt Everest in April, an achievement expected to bring worldwide media attention to his climb and to Nepal's accessible adventure opportunities. [2018 Helen Keller World Conference](http://www.wfdb.eu/)****Benidorm, Spain, 19-27 June 2018**** With the main topic: “Our rights; Our Voice; We lead the Way”, the 11th HKWC 2018 will focus on strengthening human rights, democracy and equality through full and equal inclusion of persons with deafblindness in all aspects of the global, regional, national and local society in which we live.Early bird registration is open until 15 March 2018.  [****XVIII World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf****](http://www.wfdcongress2019.org/)****Paris, France, 23-27 July 2019****The Congress theme, "Sign Language Rights for All" highlights that full enjoyment of linguistic rights is vital in facilitating the full inclusion of the Deaf Community within society.  The congress program will cover six main topics: Sign Language and Deaf Studies, Deaf Education, International Cooperation and Development, Technology and Accessibility, Health, EmploymentTo contribute, [submit an abstract on the WFD’s website](https://b-com.mci-group.com/AbstractSubmission/WFD2019.aspx), by 15 June 2018, in one of the six Commissions.  [****International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication Conference 2018****](http://www.isaac-online.org/)****Gold Coast, Australia, 21-26 July 2018****JOIN US for ISAAC 2018 for events and perspectives, the latest in research and clinical innovations, workshops, seminars, exhibits, social events, entertainment – everything you have come to expect from an ISAAC conference, and more!Registration is now open at [Conference Registration](https://www.isaac-online.org/english/conference-2018/conference-registration/)  NEWSLETTERS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS  [DFID Disability Newsletter](https://mailchi.mp/8a129a35b230/dfid-disability-newsletter-december-2627361?e=d51b1fb921) ****February 2018****News about DfID’s work on disability inclusive development and plans for the Global Disability Summit, to be co-hosted with the [International Disability Alliance](https://www.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=bd7d55c03b7fe67a858fa1f88&id=8f27ab5412&e=d51b1fb921) (IDA) and the Government of Kenya.  [Handicap International’s Source E-Bulletin](http://www.asksource.info/node/72050)****: Autumn 2017****Source is an international online resource centre designed to strengthen the management, use and impact of information on disability and inclusion.  This Bulletin is a selection of 25 Resources recently added to the Source collection on Disability and Inclusion.  [IDA Bulletin on High-Level Political Forum](http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/hlpf2018-bulletin4) ****(HLPF) 2018****The 2018 High-level Political Forum (HLPF) will be held from Monday, 9 July, to Wednesday, 18 July 2018 in New York. The theme is "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies." The set of Goals to be reviewed in depth will be: Goals 6, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 17. IDA have produced this bulletin to update on the process.   [****UN Enable Newsletter****](https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/) ****December 2017 - January 2018****The UN Enable Newsletter is prepared by the Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (DSPD/DESA) with input from UN offices, agencies, funds and programmes, as well as from civil society organizations, including organizations of persons with disabilities.  In this issue: Status of the CRPD, News from UN Headquarters and other UN entities, Calendar of international disability events and other news.  [****DFID Disability Newsletter****](https://mailchi.mp/5cb6747c3966/dfid-disability-newsletter-december-2017?e=d51b1fb921) ****December 2017***** Short video of the Secretary of State announcing her commitment
* A call for your stories on how technology has enabled to fulfill your potential as a person with a disability
* The latest research on how supportive global development donors are for inclusive evaluation
* News about the positive impact UK Aid is having for Deaf children in Uganda
* Information on how you can apply for funding if you are a small UK charity
* An inspirational video from Paralympic athlete Anne Wafula Strike MBE on what the Global Goals promise to Leave No One Behind means to her

[****Disability Research and Capacity Development (DRD) Vietnam****](http://www.drdvietnam.org/images/baiviet/An%20Pham/2018.01.Newsletter.pdf)****, Newsletters Jan 2018****DRD functions as a non-governmental and non-profit organization and is operated by and for people with disabilities. DRD works alongside the community to create support models that promote the rights of people living with disabilities. DRD has run many projects and has helped over 3,500 people with disabilities in Ho Chi Minh City and over 30 groups of people with disabilities in Southern Vietnam. ****Light for the World,**** [Disability Inclusion Lab](http://lab.light-for-the-world.org/)The Disability Inclusion Lab is established by Light for the World as a space for NGOs, disabled people organisations, governments and businesses to come together to make disability inclusion work.Together, the stakeholders develop practical solutions to overcome the barriers that prevent people with disabilities from participating equally in development and society.They have a [news page on their website](http://lab.light-for-the-world.org/) where you can sign up for their email newsletter. Their current newsletter includes report on: * Setting up social innovation labs to address challenges
* Developing the inclusion game
* Communication for Advocacy in Cambodia
* Mainstreaming Rehabilitation in Bangladesh
* Inclusive facilitation
* Future training dates.

[East Wind](http://wbuap.org/index/archives/1357) ****No. 24 January 2018 (newsletter of the World Blind Union Asia Pacific Region)******Some of the articles in this newsletter include:** * Mid-Term Regional General Assembly in Mongolia
* WBUAP Leadership Training Course Program in Thailand
* Two-day Advocacy Training for Local Blind People in Shan State, Myanmar
* Blind Citizens Australia Wins Human Rights Award
* 2017 Onkyo World Braille Essay WBUAP Region Results
* Chinese Blind to Write a Handbook on Inclusive Employment

ABOUT US**ADDC** is an Australian, international network focusing attention, expertise and action on disability issues in developing countries; building on a human rights platform for disability advocacy.To join ADDC (membership is free) or find out more, please visit www.addc.org.au **This bulletin** aims to provide information on Disability Inclusive Development across organisations working to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities both here in Australia and across the world. Generic disability and domestic information will be included in our Bulletins when possible as part of our commitment to disability advocacy and strengthening partnerships; however, our focus remains on disability and development issues.**Disclaimer:** The ADDC Bulletin is a compilation of other organisations’ articles and material. While every effort is made to validate content ADDC does not endorse all opinions and views contacted within the Bulletin.  |

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