Your monthly wrap of disability and development news

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| **ADDC Bulletin**September 2018 *Your monthly wrap up of disability and development news.* |

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| **IN THE NEWS****UNICEF and SPC partner to improve data for children, women and people with disabilities across the Pacific Islands**The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and The Pacific Community (SPC) have [announced a new partnership](http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/WO1808/S00123/unicef-and-spc-partner-to-improve-data-for-children.htm) to support the strengthening of data collection and data analysis to improve the lives of the most vulnerable children, women and people with disabilities across the Pacific islands and territories.  The collection and dissemination of reliable data of children and women worldwide is vital to identify and plan for their needs and to inform policies. **Historical event at the CRPD - first expert with intellectual disability to chair a session of an international human rights body**On 25 September, Mr. Robert Martin from New Zealand became the first expert with an intellectual (learning) disability to [chair a working session](https://twitter.com/AlexiaBlack101/status/1044556481453064192?s=19) of an international human rights body. This [significant moment](https://www.facebook.com/peoplefirstnz/photos/a.220707521451214/959488287573130/?type=3&theater) contributes to challenging the deep rooted prejudices which continue to prevent the full and effective participation of persons with intellectual disabilities, including in the work of UN bodies. It shows that respect for the right of every person with disability to benefit from reasonable accommodation can effectively contribute to the effective enjoyment of their right to full and meaningful participation as enshrined in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. **Persons with Disabilities and CIimate Change**Naomi Navoce of the Pacific Disability Forum [presented](http://fijisun.com.fj/2018/07/27/persons-with-disabilities-most-vulnerable-to-climate-change-impacts/) during the Climate Action Partnership conference to highlight the vulnerabilities of persons with disabilities to the impacts of climate change. “Mortality rates of persons with disabilities in times of disaster are two to four times higher than those without disabilities,” she said. **UN CRPD and CEDAW Committees Call for Guarantee of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for Women with Disabilities**The UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) have released a [joint statement on the need for all states parties to guarantee sexual and reproductive health and rights for all women, in particular women with disabilities](http://wwda.org.au/crpd-cedaw-joint-statement-reprorights/). **Nepali Women with Disabilities Build Advocacy Skills to Engage Government Officials**The International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) and National Disabled Women’s Association (NDWA) [trained women with disabilities](https://www.ifes.org/news/nepali-women-disabilities-build-advocacy-skills-engage-government-officials) as part of a “Power to Persuade: Empowering Women with Disabilities to Influence Public Policy” training from August 27-30, 2018, in Godavari municipality in Lalitpur, Nepal.  |

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| **NEW RESOURCES****Guide to implementing Washington Group Questions in Arab Countries**The [Regional Guidebook to Improve Disability Data Collection and Analysis in Arab Countries: Implementing the Washington Group Questions on Functioning](https://www.unescwa.org/sites/www.unescwa.org/files/u593/regional_guidebook_to_improve_disability_data_collection_and_analysis_in_the_arab_countries.pdf) was launched at the Inter-agency and Expert Group Meeting on Improving Disability Statistics in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) organized by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) in Egypt on 18-20 September 2018. The workshop primarily aimed to develop an Arab Disability Indicators Framework to assist policy makers and statisticians to implement and monitor the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).Source: [International Disability Alliance](http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/arab-disability-indicators)**Global report on the situation of persons with Deafblindness**The World Federation of the Deafblind (WFDB) have released an initial global report into the situation and rights of people with deafblindness.  This seeks to start a dialogue between international disability rights and development stakeholder. It is based on research undertaken by the WFDB, combining the largest population-based analysis of persons with deafblindness conducted to date (disaggregation of 22 population-based surveys from low, middle and high-income countries), an academic literature review, two surveys conducted among members and partners of WFDB and [Sense International](https://www.senseinternational.org.uk/).  Women and men with deafblindness from across the world took part in the [Helen Keller World Conference in June 2018](http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/WFDBGAHKWC2018), and were consulted to confirm the findings and elaborate on the recommendations for this report. **Four myths about mental health in development**Donor governments give just $134 million in development assistance to mental health, shared between 148 developing countries. Jessica Mackenzie [looks at some of the misguided assumptions](https://www.odi.org/comment/10447-four-myths-about-mental-health-development) that get in the way of the development sector investing in mental health.**USICD White Paper on International Development Disability Policy and Practice**A newly released White Paper from the United States International Council on Disabilities (USICD), [International Development: Disability Policy & Practice](http://usicd.org/template/page.cfm?id=290) reviews and assesses disability inclusion in the policies of selected bilateral and multilateral agencies.   **Intersectional analysis of how gender and disability influence the ability of the poor to benefit from pro-poor health financing policies in Kenya**Health inequity has mainly been linked to differences in economic status, with the poor facing greater challenges accessing healthcare than the less poor. However, other social determinants of health such as gender and disability also influence health status and access to care. [This study](https://equityhealthj.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12939-018-0853-6) employed an intersectional approach to explore how gender disability and poverty interact to influence how poor women in Kenya benefit from pro-poor financing policies that target them.   |

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| **OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT****Call for submissions on Best Practice DRR**The Pacific Disability Forum is [calling for submission](http://www.pacificdisability.org/Home/Call-for-submission-of-good-practice-%28case-studies.aspx) on ‘**DISABILITY INCLUSION BEST PRACTICE IN CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**’ activities, programmes, policies and legislative work in the Pacific. This call for good practices of mainstreaming disability inclusion extend to interventions by state and non-state actors in climate change adaptation and mitigation and disaster risk reduction. The good practices must be concrete examples of ways in which a disability lens and the perspective of persons with disabilities are incorporated in policies and programmes . The examples can be any interventions by state and non-state actors including but not limited to policy development, policy advocacy, capacity building, awareness raising, knowledge production or service provision, which make provisions for and address the needs and rights of persons with disabilities in climate change adaptation and mitigation and disaster risk reduction. The good practices can be at any levels, whether being disability mainstreaming in national strategies, sectoral action plans and policies for climate change and DRR or local and grassroots level interventions.The deadline for submission is Friday, 9th of November 2018, however submission of written evidence before the due date is highly appreciated.For more information contact rcperu@pacificdisability.org  |

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| **CONFERENCES AND EVENTS**[**6th Pacific Regional Conference on Disability**](http://www.pacificdisability.org/Home/PDF-6TH-Pacific-Regional-Conference-on-Disability.aspx)***“From Recognition to Realisation of Rights: Furthering Effective Partnership for an Inclusive Pacific 2030,”*** 25th February 2019 – 01st March 2019Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji. The PDF General Forum will be first on the agenda, followed by 2 concurrent meetings; the Pacific Regional Forum on Women with Disabilities: and the Pacific Regional Forum on Youth with Disabilities Tuesday, from the 26th February – 1:00pm Wednesday, 27th February 2019. The Disability Research Roundtable will be from 2:00pm – 5:00pm Wednesday, 27th February 2019 and then ending with the Pacific Disability Conference: Thursday, 28th February – Friday, 1st March 2019. The 6th Pacific Regional Conference on Disability is organized by the Pacific Disability Forum in partnership with its member organisations of persons with disabilities (DPOs) in Fiji. Funding assistance is provided by the Government of Australia through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). For more information on the Conference, please contact The Manager; Finance and Cooperate; Mr. Raveen Chand on mfc@pacificdisability.org[Save the Dates: WFD-WASLI International Sign Interpreter Accreditation Application 2018](http://wfdeaf.org/news/save-dates-application-wfd-wasli-international-sign-interpreter-accreditation-2018/)World Federation of the Deaf and World Association of Sign Language Interpreters are pleased to invite practitioners to save the dates for the application of the WFD-WASLI International Sign Interpreter Accreditation that will open from **Monday, 3 September to Monday, 8 October 2018.**Potential candidates are highly encouraged to apply. We would appreciate if you could share this to those who are eligible to apply**The application deadline is on Monday, 8 October 2018 at Eastern European Time (EET) 12:00**To view message in International sign and download the 'Save the Dates' invite, click [this button](http://wfdeaf.org/news/save-dates-application-wfd-wasli-international-sign-interpreter-accreditation-2018/). [ACFID Conference](https://acfid.asn.au/news/acfid-invites-members-and-organisations-host-conference-sessions)***Sydney, 30-31 October 2018***ACFID’s National Conference this year will be built around the theme *‘Human Rights in the 21st Century - People. Planet. Peace’.* The theme has been chosen in recognition of the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; Australia’s inaugural year as a member of the United Nations Human Rights Council; and to mark the 25th anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action. [9th International Conference on Human Rights Education](http://www.ichre2018.com.au/)**Sydney, 26-29 November 2018**This year’s 9th ICHRE is looking to be Australia’s largest celebration of two significant international events: the 70th anniversary of the UN Declaration of Human Rights and the 25th anniversary of the education-orientated Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.This conference will cover the range of human rights education (HRE) issues such as curricula, pedagogy and best practices, including in the context of discrimination faced by First Nation peoples, women, children, persons with disabilities, LGBTIQ communities and those of refugee and minority cultural and religious backgrounds.  Contemporary challenges to regional and national HRE and how to effectively address them will also be considered. ['Leadership in Mental Health'](http://www.mhinnovation.net/forums/courses/sangaths-leadership-mental-health-course-2018) **course*Goa, India, 3 – 14 December 2018***[Sangath](http://www.sangath.in/) is pleased to announce that registration for its 11th ['Leadership in Mental Health'](http://www.mhinnovation.net/forums/courses/sangaths-leadership-mental-health-course-2018) course is now open.  The two-week intensive course, tutored by some of the best mental health experts globally, will train you to develop and scale up interventions and help you understand how mental health programs are implemented in low-resource settings. Set in the scenic state of Goa, the course will be held at the Sangath centre in Porvorim, Goa and will have Vikram Patel, Graham Thornicroft and Soumitra Pathare taking you through the course.  For more information, write to [lmh@sangath.in](lmh%40sangath.in)[XVIII World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf](https://www.wfdcongress2019.org/)**23-27 July 2019, Paris, France**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 official languages of the congress are International Sign Language, French Sign Language, English and French.All information about the congress can be found on [www.wfdcongress2019.org](https://addc.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=998a8117f4a8453f79ba128a1&id=b6c3aa3c07&e=97cb772ac2)   |

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| **NEWSLETTERS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS** [Light for the World: Disability Inclusion Lab (northern) summer highlights](https://lab.light-for-the-world.org/news/)In this issue: * The Inclusion Game
* The first Disability Inclusion Academy
* Women on the rise
* Her Abilities Award
* Young Achievers Award Uganda given to disability inclusion trainer
* Learning webinar on Early Childhood Development and disability – work in Mozambique and Sri Lanka
* The Disability Networking Zone at the International AIDS Conference
* Towards Inclusion now available in Indonesian
* Participatory Design Handbook:  Inclusive Agriculture in Cambodia

[UN DESA Voice; newsletter September 2018](https://www.un.org/development/desa/undesavoice/2018/09)In this issue: * Marking three years since historic moment: Efforts continue to keep the promise of the global goals
* Seeking innovative solutions to fund ambitious agenda
* ‘We are all in this together’ –meet the new ECOSOC President
* Join the conversation in the SDG Media Zone
* Young people are active partners; they need to have a seat at the table
* Call for protection of rights of indigenous peoples on the move

[Global Disability Rights Now Bulletin August 2018](https://mailchi.mp/miusa/rightsnow-bulletin-august?e=43beecd830)In this issue: * The latest
* Resources
* What’s working

[United Nations Enable Newsletter July-August 2018](https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/)The newsletter is available in Word of PDF on the page accessed by following the link above. In this issue: * The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)
* News from UN Headquarters
* News from other UN entities
* Other News
* Calendar of international disability events

[East Wind, the newsletter of the World Blind Union Asia Pacific Region, 26 September 2018](http://wbuap.org/archives/1406)East Wind is available for download in either PDF or Word format. In this issue: * A helping hand to university students with visual impairments
* Hong Kong Blind Union released 2018 Hong Kong web accessibility survey
* The 5th Thailand Blind Music Festival – S2S Fly High “No one left behind”
* First time experiencing Thai Blind National Convention
* New app to help the visually impaired identify banknotes
* UlaanBaatar Statement

[Australian Network on Disability (AND) Special Update: Invictus Games Sydney 2018](https://www.and.org.au/news.php/362/make-your-mark-for-invictus-games-sydney-2018) |

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