# ADDC BULLETIN FEBRUARY 2019

# *ADDC NEWS*

## Welcome to the first ADDC Bulletin of 2019!

Our first ADDC Practitioner Interest Forum for 2019 will be hosted by Save the Children in Carlton, Melbourne on Thursday 11th April, 9am-12:30pm.

‘Leave no one behind’ is more than a narrative for the current development environment; it is an imperative for success in programs, advocacy and organisational operations.  A key pillar of putting the principle ‘leave no one behind’ into practice is fostering inclusion within your own organisation. Our first Practitioner Interest Forum for 2019 will focus on practical strategies and resources to increase the participation of people with disability within your organisation, and will draw the links between inclusion and improved development outcomes.

Our discussions will focus on how your organisation can increasingly ‘walk the talk’ of disability inclusion covering a range of topics including internal inclusion, advocacy and inclusion, and programmatic inclusion. We will hear from representatives of a number of Australian aid agencies on their journeys to create change within their organisations as well as from experts from Australian Disabled Peoples Organisations on strategies to affect change within your team and across the whole organisation.

Speakers and a more detailed program to be released soon on the ADDC website.

Save the date in your diary now and email Kerryn to reserve your place on [kclarke@addc.org.au](mailto:kclarke@addc.org.au).

# ****IN THE NEWS****

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [CRPD Committee's Views on Individual Communications under the Optional Protocol](http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/crpd-committee-interpretation)  The International Disability Alliance (IDA) has updated the compilation of the CRPD Committee’s Views on individual communications under the optional protocol. To date, the CRPD Committee has adopted 21 views on individual communications under the Optional Protocol to the CRPD, addressing different procedural and substantive issues. Together with the concluding observations, the general comments and the reports on inquiry procedures, these views constitute an important part of the CRPD Committee jurisprudence. To facilitate access, IDA produces summaries of the views adopted by the CRPD Committee. Importantly, please note that IDA´s summaries contain links and instructions to access the full texts of the Views adopted by the Committee in the different UN languages available.   [2018 Henry Viscardi Achievement Awards Announced](http://globalaccessibilitynews.com/2018/12/07/2018-henry-viscardi-achievement-awards-announced/)  The Viscardi Center (an Albertson-based non-profit organization providing a lifespan of services that educate, employ, and empower people with disabilities) announced ten recipients of the 2018 Henry Viscardi Achievement Awards at a ceremony held on 4 December at the Mutual of America building in New York City.  Award recipients included:   * Prudence Mabhena, Prudence Mabhena Music, Zimbabwe * Bonface Ophiyah Massah, Association of Persons with Albinism in Malawi, Malawi * Jawaid Rais, Disabled Welfare Association, Pakistan *(Source: GAATES)*     [Disability rights advocate and GAATES Vice-President Vashkar Bhattacharjee (Bangladesh) receives UNESCO award](http://globalaccessibilitynews.com/2018/12/06/disability-rights-advocate-and-gaates-vice-president-vashkar-bhattacharjee-bangladesh-receives-unesco-award/)  Described as “a leading advocate who collaborates with local, national, and international partners”, Mr. Bhattacharjee is known for creating disability networks, and as the creator of the first accessible dictionary in Bangladesh. More information in the link above. *(Source; GAATES)* | | |

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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT**

Help CBM Australia reach 1000 signatures! Australian aid plays a crucial role in enabling people to realise their rights. When funding specifically targets the barriers faced by people with disabilities, some of the world’s most marginalised people can reach their full potential.

But currently, there isn’t enough funding and many people with disabilities are being left behind. Which is why CBM Australia have launched [a petition calling for an increase in funding for disability-inclusive development](https://www.cbm.org.au/signpetition) in Australia’s aid program.

The petition will be handed over in mid-march, so there’s just a few weeks left for them to reach their target of 1000 signatures.

You can help them to reach this goal by [signing the petition](https://www.cbm.org.au/signpetition) or if you’ve signed already please share with your networks.

# ****NEW**** ****RESOURCES****

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## [Australian Federal Government Pre-Budget 2019-20 Submissions](https://www.addc.org.au/home/areas-of-work/position-papers-and-submissions/)

ADDC’s 2019-20 Pre-Budget Submission to the Australian Government supporting the recommendations of our partner organisation CBM Australia’s submission are now available on the ADDC website.

[Young Persons with Disabilities - Study on Ending Gender-Based Violence & Realising Sexual & Reproductive Health & Rights](https://www.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/pub-pdf/Final_Global_Study_English_3_Oct.pdf)

On November 28, 2018, Women Enabled International (WEI) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) launched a new publication that provides practical and concrete guidance on the provision of inclusive and accessible services related to gender-based violence (GBV) and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) for women and young persons with disabilities.

## [European Policy for Persons with Disabilities - EU Disabled Women](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/EPRS/TD_Persons_with_disability.pdf)

The European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 (EDS) constitutes a comprehensive multiannual framework for implementing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) at EU level. The EDS and CRPD are thus closely intertwined.

# ****CONFERENCES, TRAINING**** ****& EVENTS****

[The 6th Pacific Regional Conference of Disability](http://http/www.pacificdisability.org/Home/PDF-6TH-Pacific-Regional-Conference-on-Disability.aspx)

The 6th Pacific Regional Conference on Disability will be from Monday, 25th February 2019 – Friday, 1st March 2019 at the Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji. With the theme: ‘From Recognition to Realisation of Rights: Furthering Effective Partnership for an Inclusive Pacific 2030’, the program will include forums on women with disabilities, youth with disabilities, and a research roundtable  
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 Australian Government 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](mailto:mfc@pacificdisability.org)

[2019 Australasian Aid Conference at ANU 19-20 February](https://devpolicy.crawford.anu.edu.au/annual-australasian-aid-conference)

The [Australasian Aid Conference](https://devpolicy.crawford.anu.edu.au/annual-australasian-aid-conference) is asking people to improve Australian aid or development policy. You can submit your ideas into the [3-Minute Aid Pitch](https://devpolicy.crawford.anu.edu.au/annual-australasian-aid-conference/2019/call-for-papers) competition. Would you rather listen or network with others in the sector? Register for the conference [here](https://devpolicy.crawford.anu.edu.au/annual-australasian-aid-conference/2019/registration). There are also opportunities to sponsor the conference, details [here](https://devpolicy.crawford.anu.edu.au/annual-australasian-aid-conference/2019/sponsorship).

[Leadership for inclusive development RDI Conference 2019](http://www.rdiconference2019.org.au/)

The Research for Development Impact Network will be hosting its 7th conference at La Trobe University’s Bundoora Campus, 12-13 June 2019.  Centering on the theme ‘Leadership for Inclusive Development’, the Conference will examine what leadership looks like within the International Development sector, and what ‘leave no one behind’ looks like. Registration is now open, and early bird ticket prices will be open until 18 March 2019.   
  
[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 linguistic rights are 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](http://www.wfdcongress2019.org/)

# ****EMPLOYMENT and**** ****FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES****

## [****Inclusive Development Project Officer, International Disability Alliance****](https://reliefweb.int/job/2975043/inclusive-development-project-officer)

The International Disability Alliance (IDA) seeks an Inclusive Development Project Officer, responsible for ensuring the timely and quality implementation of specific IDA projects or IDA components of broader inclusive development projects, with a focus on inclusive education, inclusive livelihoods and inclusive health.  
**Application deadline**: 22 February 2019.

[UNICEF Vietnam Consultancy Position](https://www.unicef.org/about/employ/?job=519892)

UNICEF Viet Nam is looking for an individual international consultant. The assignment title is named "Individual International Consultancy for Social Inclusion for Children with Disabilities: An in-depth analysis of the Viet Nam National Survey on People with Disabilities".   
**Application deadline:** Monday, 25 Feb.  More info in the link above.

# ****NEWSLETTER********S FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS****

## [Source E-Bulletin on Disability and Inclusion](https://asksource.info/node/72218)

Selection of 25 resources uploaded recently on Source.

[**UN DESA Voice January 2019**](https://www.un.org/development/desa/undesavoice/2019/01)

Newsletter of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

[**HLPF 2019 Bulletin #1**](http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/hlpf2019-bulletin1)

The meeting of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council will be held from Tuesday, 9 July, to Thursday, 18 July 2019; including a three-day ministerial meeting of the forum from Tuesday, 16 July, to Thursday, 18 July 2019. The theme of the forum will be “Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality”

[**East Wind No. 27, December 2018**](http://wbuap.org/archives/category/publications/east-wind)

East Wind, the newsletter of the World Blind Union Asia Pacific Region. The newsletter is available in both word and pdf versions  
   
This issue includes:

* 2018 WBUAP Regional Assembly Women's Forum
* WBUAP Country Reports
* Making a Dream Real: Text to Speech
* An Attempt to Break a World Record in Celebration of International White Cane Day
* S2S Fly High Mini Concert on White Cane Safety Day 2018
* News from Tonga
* Martine Abel-Williamson Honoured with New Zealand's Leading Disability Awards
* Update on Marrakesh Treaty
* The First Seminar on Marrakesh Treaty in Viet Nam
* 2018 Onkyo World Braille Essay Regional Results
* Regional Update for WBU Offices meeting

Western Australia Based Mobility Project Receives Top Honours at National Awards

# ABOUT US

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 **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.  
  
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