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Welcome to our October edition. With International Day of People with Disabilities (IDPD) just around the corner, we are eager to share with you our [IDPD Activity Toolkit](#IDPD)! This Toolkit will equip you with everything you need to celebrate our flagship day as well as raise awareness of disability inclusion within your organisation. It includes ideas for activities to mark IDPD at your workplace, tips for who to get involved, including guidance on engaging speakers with disabilities. It also outlines the IDPD Social Media Action that we hope you all get involved in, as a way of demonstrating support and solidarity for disability inclusion across our sector.

This edition of our Bulletin is otherwise full of resources to keep you updated on developments happening globally in disability inclusive development. From the specific resources shared at the recent virtual [World Data Forum](#WorldDataForum) to the much-awaited [report](#COVIDDRMReport) from the COVID-19 Disability Rights Monitor, we have got you covered! If you have a resource from your organisation to share for our bulletin, just send us an [email](mailto:info@addc.org.au?subject=Resource%20for%20Bulletin) and we will make sure to include it.

Keep a lookout for our IDPD resource pack in our next Bulletin, which will complement our IDPD Activity Toolkit by providing you with content tailored to celebrate International Day!

In solidarity,

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# ADDC News

## International Day of People with Disabilities Activity Toolkit

We are excited to introduce to you our *IDPD Activity Toolkit*, a resource designed to help your organisation mark International Day of People with Disabilities (IDPD) on Thursday 3 December.

This Toolkit is aimed at helping you think through and plan how to mark IDPD within your organisation, to celebrate disability and raise awareness within your organisation about disability inclusion. It includes ideas for activities, tips for who to get involved, and guidance on engaging speakers with disabilities.

It also includes guidance on how to undertake an IDPD Social Media action. Join the action yourself and get others on board across the international development sector – together we can show strong solidarity across the sector for disability inclusion. It will be great for different organisations to be able to connect and support each other by sharing in this action together!

Keep your eyes peeled for the *IDPD Resource Pack* in late November. The pack will provide you with specific content that you can use on IDPD - including CBM Australia's brand new IDPD video, featuring people with disabilities talking about a better world for all, as well as case studies, suggested social media content, banners and assets, and disability facts and statistics.

Access the Toolkit [here](https://bit.ly/3jisnWX).

## ADDC responds to DFAT’s disability budget cuts

To date, the budget allocated for disability inclusion has provided for immense progress in the lives of people with disabilities in developing countries. For more than a decade, the Australian government has led on disability inclusive development, and has publicly restated its commitment to the most vulnerable and has recognized people with disability are disproportionately vulnerable. The Federal Government’s recent cut of 25 percent of DFAT’s disability inclusion budget undermines the commitment and efforts of all the stakeholders involved, having severe effects on people with disabilities and marginalizing them.

ADDC is alarmed and worried by this decision and is seeking an explanation on the budget cuts, including whether it also indicates cuts to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade’s resources to support disability inclusive programming.

Access the full media release [here](https://www.addc.org.au/media-release-addc-responds-to-dfat-disability-budget-cuts/).

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

## IDA on appointment of new UN Special Rapporteur

The International Disability Alliance (IDA) has congratulated Professor Gerard Quinn on his appointment as the new UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

“Among his priorities, Mr. Quinn said that he will work to ensure that the voices of persons with disabilities are heard loud and clear, in global responses to general calamities caused by Covid-19, climate change and the scourge of armed conflicts. He (has) highlighted the need for systemic change to underpin the gains of the UN CRPD, and to focus attention on the cultural and structural changes needed for the Sustainable Development Goals to be attained.”

Access the statement [here](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/special-rapporteur-2020).

# NEW RESOURCES:

## ACFID blog: ‘Nothing about us without us’: Why every organisation should consider partnerships with Disabled People’s Organisations

In this blog, the team behind the [*Research For All Guide*](https://rdinetwork.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/RDI-Network-R4All-Accessible-PDF-1.pdf) explore why partnerships with Disabled People’s Organisations are relevant and beneficial for all organisations, addressing the following questions:

* Why should organisations think about partnerships with Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs)?
* Are partnerships with Disabled People’s Organisations relevant for organisations that do not have disability-specific initiatives?
* What are the benefits of partnering with Disabled People’s Organisations?
* What challenges need to be overcome in making these partnerships work?

They share their top three tips for organisations wanting to work more closely with Disabled People’s Organisations.

Access the blog [here](https://acfid.asn.au/blog-post/%E2%80%98nothing-about-us-without-us%E2%80%99-why-every-organisation-should-consider-partnerships-disabled?mc_cid=44d54b5084&mc_eid=8efe41c761).

## DRC research reports: Australia could do more to protect people with disability

Two research reports recently published by the Disability Royal Commission (DRC) suggest that Australia can and should do more to support and protect the rights of people with disability.

The first report, *The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: An Assessment of Australia’s Level of Compliance* notes that Australia needs to stop the trend of keeping people with disability (including First Nations people) in hospitals and prisons for their disability, violating Article 14 of the UN CRPD. The report also covers CRPD Articles on explanations of disability, transport, women and girls with disability and emergencies.

The second report, *Persons with Disability and Australian Constitution*, analyzes the constitutional context within which Australian government interacts with people with disability. It examines the Commonwealth’s legislative powers that enable it to provide support for and protect rights of people with disability and suggests that there is considerable constitutional scope for the Australian government to extend its support for and protection. It also identifies the constitutional limits that might arise from the impact on the states of potential expansion of the legislation relating to people with disability.

Access the first report [here](https://disability.royalcommission.gov.au/publications/united-nations-convention-rights-persons-disabilities-assessment-australias-level-compliance) and the second report [here](https://disability.royalcommission.gov.au/publications/persons-disability-and-australian-constitution-0).

## CBM Global Disability Data Advocacy Toolkit

This toolkit provides some basic knowledge on data collection, analysis, and use of data for evidenced based advocacy to influence policy and decision makers, contributing to the growing global dialogue on the importance of data on persons with disabilities.

CBM Global Disability Inclusion, along with the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities and the International Disability Alliance launched this resource at a session during the recent UN virtual World Data Forum.

Download the Disability Data Advocacy Toolkit [here](http://cbm-global.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/DisabilityData_advocacytoolkit_FINAL.pdf).

## UN Disability Inclusion Strategy Report

The United Nations, in 2019, launched the UN Disability Inclusion Strategy for implementation within the UN system. This strategy allows the UN system to support the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and provides a foundation for sustainable and transformative progress on disability inclusion throughout all pillars of the work of the UN.

The *Report of the Secretary-General on**Disability Inclusion in the United Nations System* presents the first baseline of the collective commitments and system-wide efforts made towards achieving transformative and lasting change for persons with disabilities within the organization. It sets out the progress and opportunities, challenges faced in accomplishing disability inclusion (including those associated with COVID-19), and recommends key areas where continuous action and efforts are required for there to be a UN system for all.

Access the report [here](https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/un_disability_inclusion_strategy_report_final.pdf).

## OHCHR resource: International Principles and Guidelines on Access to Justice for Persons with Disabilities

This resource, developed by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), incorporates principles and guidelines that ensures equal access to justice for all persons with disabilities, in accordance with international human rights standards.

It aims to assist actors in designing, developing, modifying and implementing justice systems that provide equal access to justice to people with disability, irrespective of their roles in the process, in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

This resource was developed in consultation and collaboration with disability rights experts, organisations of people with disabilities, States, academics and practitioners.

Access this resource [here](https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Disability/SR_Disability/GoodPractices/Access-to-Justice-EN.pdf).

## World Data Forum resources

On 21 October, the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities, the International Disability Alliance, World Blind Union and CBM Global held the side event “Persons with disabilities and COVID-19 data collection and disaggregation efforts” at the virtual World Data Forum.

View a recording and live transcript of the event [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMKJf7GE6qY). The following are a list of resources from the event:

* [UNESCWA Disability Framework](https://www.unescwa.org/publications/escwa-disability-framework-indicators-policy-statistics): 115 indicators to bridge the gap between policy and statistics
* UNESCWA Regional [Guidebook](https://www.unescwa.org/publications/regional-guidebook-disability-data-arab-countries) to Improve Disability Data Collection and Analysis in the Arab Countries
* Disability Data advocacy [toolkit](https://cbm-global.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/DisabilityData_advocacytoolkit_FINAL.pdf)
* Cyclone Amphan [study](https://reliefweb.int/report/bangladesh/cyclone-amphan-inclusive-rapid-needs-assessment-bangladesh-satkhira-patuakhali-and)
* [Guide](https://www.washingtongroup-disability.com/fileadmin/uploads/wg/Documents/Using-the-Washington-Group-Tools-to-Assess-the-Impact-of-COVID-19-on-Persons-with-Disability.pdf) on using the Washington Group Tools to Assess the Impact of COVID-19 on Persons with Disability
* The Washington Group COVID-19 [webinar](https://www.washingtongroup-disability.com/about/news/the-covid-19-webinar-took-place-august-25-2020-274/)
* The Washington Group [website](http://www..washingtongroup-disability.com/)
* [Blog](http://sdg.iisd.org/commentary/guest-articles/community-driven-data-for-persons-with-disabilities-fosters-inclusion-and-representation/): Community-Driven Data for Persons with Disabilities Fosters Inclusion and Representation

## COVID-19 RESOURCES

## COVID-19 Disability Rights Monitor Global Report

This report sets out the outcomes of a rapid human rights-based global monitoring initiative – the COVID-19 Disability Rights Monitor (COVID-DRM) – sponsored by a consortium of seven leading disability rights organisations, which took place between 20 April and 8 August this year.

Based on the testimonies of 2,152 respondents from 134 countries, predominantly from persons with disabilities themselves, the report draws the worrying conclusion that states have overwhelmingly failed to take sufficient measures to protect the rights of persons with disabilities

Four themes emerged from the analysis of survey responses:

* Inadequate measures to protect persons with disabilities in institutions
* Significant and fatal breakdown of community supports
* Disproportionate impact on underrepresented groups of persons with disabilities
* Denial of access to healthcare

Access the report [here](https://t.co/xaAyPdfMZm).

## Thematic Guidance Notes: Disability Inclusive Health, WASH and Livelihoods in the COVID-19 Response

The Australian Humanitarian Partnership (AHP) has developed these guidance notes based on early findings from an independent evaluation of disability inclusion in “Disaster Ready” programs funded by DFAT.

These guidance notes provide an understanding of inclusive humanitarian response and disaster preparedness and inform the AHP Disaster Ready program and COVID-19 humanitarian response efforts for disability inclusion. The AHP has produced different documents for disability inclusion prioritizing the three areas i.e. health, WASH, and livelihoods and food security.

Access the guidance notes [here](https://www.australianhumanitarianpartnership.org/library-contents/thematic-guidance-note-disability-inclusive-health-wash-and-livelihoods-in-the-covid-19-response).

## Webinar recordings:

## UNESCO webinar: International Day for Universal Access to Information

UNESCO organised this webinar, “Access to Information – Saving lives, Building Trust, Bringing Hope!”, to mark this year’s International Day for Universal Access to Information 2020 which focuses on to the right to information in times of crisis.

Watch the webinar recording [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8DHprbAXps).

## Webinar: Towards Disability-Inclusive Climate Action @ NYC Climate Week

In this virtual event, persons with disabilities from all over the world discussed the challenges and opportunities for developing disability-inclusive responses to the climate crisis. Among other topics, they addressed the disproportionate ways in which climate change harms people with disability; the lessons learned with disability inclusion in other fields that could apply to climate change; the role of disability rights in responding to climate change; and the contributions of the disability community to resolving the climate crisis.

This event was organized by the McGill Centre for Human Rights & Legal Pluralism, in collaboration with the International Disability Alliance, Inclusiva, the Indigenous Persons with Disabilities Global Network, the Nepal Indigenous Disabled Association, and the World Institute on Disability.

Watch the webinar recording [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DwGsbgNBNyw).

## Webinar: Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in the COVID-19 Response: Applying the IASC Guidelines

This webinar discussed how the [IASC Guidelines on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action](https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/sites/default/files/2019-11/IASC%20Guidelines%20on%20the%20Inclusion%20of%20Persons%20with%20Disabilities%20in%20Humanitarian%20Action%2C%202019.pdf) can be implemented in COVID-19 responses, sharing examples of how responses to COVID-19 in humanitarian contexts have been made more inclusive of people with disabilities. The webinar aimed to provide a space for learning and exchange of experiences between organizations of persons with disabilities, NGOs, UN entities, and other humanitarian actors.

This event was the joint initiative of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA), International Association of Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP), Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) and the Reference Group on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action, we

Watch the webinar recording [here](https://youtu.be/yFyRI7J2w3Q).

# ****YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED****

## Join the #MakeItSafeToSpeak campaign

People with disabilities currently can’t speak freely about their adverse experiences to the Disability Royal Commission. This means that there is a very real risk that the most severe cases of systemic abuse and neglect will not be exposed.

Several national disability peak bodies, including ADDC Executive Committee member, People with Disabilities Australia (PWDA), have launched #MakeItSafeToSpeak, an online campaign to address this serious issue.

Join the #MakeItSafeToSpeak campaign [here](https://bit.ly/3o5XE2Y).

## Short Survey: [C4All COVID-19 Inclusive & Accessible Cities](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KSQFYQT)

This survey from World Enabled and the World Bank, “gathers insights on local responses to the COVID-19 outbreak and their impact on the lives of persons with disabilities and older persons”. The survey is for local government representatives, urban planners, persons with disabilities, civil society representatives, Disabled People Organizations (DPO) representatives, and other stakeholders.

Access the survey [here.](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KSQFYQT)

# ****UPCOMING EVENTS****

## Webinar: Persons with disabilities in closed settings

Validity Foundation | 3 November 2020

[LEARN MORE](https://validity.ngo/2020/10/08/tackling-torture-against-persons-with-disabilities-in-the-context-of-the-covid-19-pandemic-webinar-series/#pwdclosedsettings) & [REGISTER](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/4216004202532/WN_db8RqOoiTGuJMZZ-wPd2Lw)

## Webinar: Developing an accessibility strategy and action plan

International Associations of Accessibility Professionals (IAAP) | 5 November 2020

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](https://www.accessibilityassociation.org/content.asp?admin=Y&contentid=719)

## Webinar: Legal strategies to pursue emergency deinstitutionalisation during the pandemic

Validity Foundation | 10 November 2020

[LEARN MORE](https://validity.ngo/2020/10/08/tackling-torture-against-persons-with-disabilities-in-the-context-of-the-covid-19-pandemic-webinar-series/#essentialservices) & [REGISTER HERE](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/4216004202532/WN_db8RqOoiTGuJMZZ-wPd2Lw)

## Webinar: Essential services and psychosocial disabilities - Achieving redress for victims to torture during a pandemic.

Validity Foundation | 17 November 2020

[LEARN MORE](https://validity.ngo/2020/10/08/tackling-torture-against-persons-with-disabilities-in-the-context-of-the-covid-19-pandemic-webinar-series/#essentialservices) & [REGISTER HERE](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/4216004202532/WN_db8RqOoiTGuJMZZ-wPd2Lw)

# ****OPPORTUNITIES****

## Global Disability Summit Officer

IDA | Flexible location | 12 month position with possibility of extension

[APPLY BY 30 OCTOBER](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/job_description_-_gds_officer.docx)

## Technical consultant for online courses platform

## IDA | 6 month, part-time contract

[APPLY BY 30 OCTOBER](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/tor_online_platform_technical_consultant_final.docx)

## Video editor for online courses platform

IDA | 6 month, part-time contract

[APPLY BY 30 OCTOBER](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/tor_video_editing_consultancy_final.docx)

## Senior Communications Officer

CBM Global | Location includes Australia/NZ

[APPLY BY 2 NOVEMBER](https://bit.ly/3o7QT0t)

# 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.

**The aim of this Bulletin is** 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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