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Welcome to our November edition.

We firstly warmly recognise the confirmation from Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) that their ground-breaking *Development for All: Strategy for strengthening disability inclusion in Australia’s aid program 2015 – 2020*will be extended for an additional year, in 2021. This will allow time for DFAT to thoroughly consult stakeholders ahead of developing the next disability inclusive development strategy for 2022 and beyond. The progress that has been achieved through the first and second *Development for All*strategies are more than evident in the Office of Development Effectiveness [reviews](https://www.dfat.gov.au/development/performance-assessment/aid-evaluation/strategic-evaluations/development-for-all-evaluation) and in ADDC’s [10 Days for 10 Years](https://www.addc.org.au/home/10-days-for-10-years/) campaign. Yet there is still much work to do before people with disability are able to access their rights and participate in society on an equal basis as others – particularly given the [catastrophic](https://disabilityrightsfund.org/covid-19-disability-rights-monitor-releases-global-report-on-right-of-persons-with-disabilities/) impact that COVID-19 has had on people with disability in particular.

Looking ahead, if the Australian Government is to continue to invest and work in a way that is smart, building upon hard-earned wins and leveraging our strong standings, then its next disability inclusive development strategy must keep this work at the front and centre of Australia’s international development program, and infuse this with the same mandate of partnership and innovation that brought the first two *Development for All*strategies international acclaim. We look forward to working with both our members and DFAT in 2021 as part of this process.

Also front and centre of this Bulletin is our [IDPD Resource Kit](#IDPDResourceKit), brimming with content to guide and inspire your communications so that we can all make some noise celebrating IDPD this year! Make sure you have a look at the uplifting and impactful IDPD video from CBM Australia included in this Kit. The video features people with disabilities from around the world talking about their vision for a #BetterWorldForAll.

Join us in celebrating IDPD by taking part and also encouraging your colleagues to join us in our IDPD Social Media action (with instructions on how to participate in the action in the Kit) to cast a vision for a #BetterWorldForAll. We look forward to seeing and sharing with you over social media on 3 December!

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# ADDC News

## IDPD Resource Kit

We are so excited to introduce to you our *IDPD Resource Kit*, designed to help the international development sector to mark International Day of People with Disabilities (IDPD) across online and social media platforms on 3 December. Pick, chose and adapt from the following content, to guide and inspire your communications so that we can all make some noise celebrating IDPD this year. The pack includes:

* The social media call to action for you and your colleagues to join in on the day to show your support for #IDPD
* An impactful IDPD video from CBM, featuring people with disabilities from around the world talking about their vision for #ABetterWorldForAll
* Suggested social media posts that your organisation can adapt to promote IDPD
* Useful facts and statistics on disabilities & global development to help you write your own content
* Case studies by Tearfund, CBM Australia and Plan Indonesia

We hope that the Kit proves useful! Remember you can also refer to our [IDPD Activity Toolkit](https://bit.ly/3jisnWX) for ideas on how to mark the day – these communications could be incorporated or complement any events as well.  If you have any feedback please feel free to reach out to Lucy at [ldaniel@addc.org.au](ldaniel%40addc.org.au).

## Building Transformative Partnerships with DPOs

On 17 November, ACFID and ADDC hosted a webinar: *Learn how to build transformative relationships with DPOs.* The webinar was expertly moderated by Alexandra Gartrell, ADDC Chair (World Vision Australia), and the 50 attendees heard from speakers Yeni Rosa Damayanti (Indonesian Mental Health Association (IMHA)), Ipul Powaseu (PNG), Sally Baker (DID consultant), Julie Smith (CBM Australia). Keep your eyes on our socials for when we share the recording of this webinar.

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

## PDF workshop: Disability Inclusion in Humanitarian Preparedness and Response a Priority

Understanding and mitigating challenges faced by people with disabilities during disaster preparedness and response was the key focus of a workshop led by the Pacific Disability Forum (PDF) during late October.

The two-day workshop, which was organized in collaboration with the Pacific Humanitarian Protection Cluster (PHPC), aimed to strengthen the understanding and practice of disability inclusion in humanitarian preparedness and response amongst members of the Cluster.

Read more about the workshop [here](https://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/news-and-events/stories/2020/10/disability-inclusion-in-humanitarian-preparedness-and-response-a-priority).

## UN Treaty Bodies Election 2020

On November 30, during the Conference of States Parties to the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), State Parties will elect 9 of the 18 members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The International Disability Alliance (IDA) has requested candidates to provide replies to a civil society questionnaire to elaborate on their experiences and the challenges lying ahead for the CRPD Committee. IDA along with the Gqual Campaign and the International Disability Development Consortium, have called State Parties to achieve gender parity in the CRPD committee, promoting representation of the diversity of disability constituencies and equitable geographical representation.

For more information on the election process and to meet candidates to the CRPD Committee, click [here](https://www.untbelections.org/).

## World Blind Union on World Cities Day

On October 31, 2020, World Cities Day was celebrated with over 60 events all over the world under the overarching theme “Better City, Better Life” and sub-theme, “Valuing our Communities and Cities”.

People who are blind or partially sighted still continue to experience accessibility barriers in their everyday lives. These barriers have been heightened by the COVID-19 pandemic according to the World Blind Union (WBU) report titled “COVID-19, Amplifying Voices: Our Lives, Our Say”. Commemorating World Cities Day, the WBU urged governments and urban development stakeholders to eliminate accessibility barriers, and consider developing structures and implementing strategies that promote an accessible physical environment, transportation, public facilities, and services, aligning with Article 9 of CRPD and SDG 11. WBU also called on policy makers and urban development stakeholders to ensure that Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs/DPOs) are adequately engaged in shaping the future, where no one is left behind.

Access the WBU report [here](https://worldblindunion.org/covid-19-amplifying-voices-our-lives-our-say/) & for [more information](https://urbanoctober.unhabitat.org/wcd) on World Cities Day, click [here](https://urbanoctober.unhabitat.org/wcd).

## Upcoming 13th Session of COSP - Civil Society Forum

The Civil Society Forum (CSF) will be held on December 2, covering the following themes:

* Living in Urgent Mode: How to safeguard disability rights achievements in era of COVID-19, climate crisis and ongoing armed conflicts
* Disability Inclusive Development in 2021: Discussing the role of data and partnerships to meet the SDGs
* Leaving no one offline: Digital inequalities and addressing barriers to full participation and inclusion online
* CRPD Human Rights Advocacy: Key developments and emerging issues and challenges from the Human Rights Council and the WHO, CRPS and other treaty bodies.

The presenters in the panel include the UN Secretary General of the United Nations, Her Excellency Ms Ana Maria Menéndez, addressing on the rights of persons with disabilities in the COVID-19 context and UNDIS, the UK and Norway governments hosting the Global Disability Summit, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Gerard Quinn, giving an update on his mandate and Mike Peter from the International Paralympic Committee.

## Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities present in civil society meeting with the UN Secretary-General

During the UN Secretary-General Meeting with Civil Society, “Financing for Development in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond” on 2 November, the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities called for attention to the pressing issues and pre-existing inequalities that people with disabilities face, which have deepened sharply due to the pandemic. The Stakeholder Group also called for:

* A progressive increase in dedicated public resources to support the full inclusion of persons with disabilities and their families in COVID response and recovery;
* Transparent reporting of domestic and international resource allocations for the realisation of disability rights;
* Adoption and systematic use of the disability marker of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development to measure and monitor financing for disability inclusion;
* Close consultation and active involvement of persons with disabilities and their representative organisations in all efforts related to international cooperation and the planning, implementation and monitoring of COVID-19 response and recovery efforts.

Access the full presentation [here](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/economic-consensus).

# NEW RESOURCES:

## Resource Document: Accessibility Go! A Guide to Action

The World Blind Union and CBM Global Disability Inclusion launched “Accessibility Go! A Guide to Action”, a guide that provides practical support on delivering a holistic organizational approach towards accessibility. This guide offers pathways to progressively realise accessibility in various contexts and organizations, and describes how to progressively achieve the seven core accessibility commitments (built environment, information and communications, procurement of goods and services, training and capacity development, meetings and events, recruitment, and human resources management).

Access the resource document [here](https://worldblindunion.org/programs/accessibility/).

## WHO Launches the first World Report on Vision

The World Health Organisation (WHO)’s first global report on vision states that, “at least 2.2 billion people around the world have a vision impairment, of whom at least 1 billion have vision impairment that could be prevented or is yet to be addressed.” Considerable challenges still exist in eye care across the world (inequalities in coverage and quality of prevention, treatment and rehabilitation, poor integration of eye care services into health system etc.). The aim of the report is to address these challenges and galvanize action.

 Other main findings in the report include the following:

* the burden of eye and vision impairment is not borne equally for all (marginalized population groups),
* unmet need of distance vision impairment four times higher in low-middle income countries,
* rates of blindness is eight times higher in low-middle income countries in western and eastern sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, and
* $14.3 billion USD is required to address the backlog of 1 billion people living with vision impairment or blindness.

Access the [summary report](https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/328721/WHO-NMH-NVI-19.12-eng.pdf) [here](https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/328721/WHO-NMH-NVI-19.12-eng.pdf) & [full report](https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/328717/9789241516570-eng.pdf) [here](https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/328717/9789241516570-eng.pdf).

## Infographic: Strategies and Accommodation for Students with Low Vision

Perkins School for the Blind has created an infographic document containing strategies and recommendations to better address the needs of children with low vision, considering adaptation in illumination, size and distance, color and contrast, organization of space and use of time.

Children with low vision are neither blind nor sighted but have the potential for useful vision. This creates difficulties for them to accomplish everyday activities, even when they wear glasses, but their abilities to accomplish these tasks can be enhanced with these strategies and accommodations.

Access the infographic resource [here](https://www.facebook.com/OfficialPerkins/photos/10157769319360897).

## Resource Document: Expanding the Evidence on CBR for People with Amputation

This report includes details about the ROMP Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Program in Guatemala, as well as data from its first three cohorts. This report shares learnings to enable other institutions to adapt the approach implemented in this program to better serve their participants with amputation.

Access the resource document [here](https://www.rompglobal.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Expanding-the-Evidence-on-Community-Based-Rehabilitation-for-People-with-Amputation.pdf).

## Webinar Recordings:

## Asia Pacific Disability Constituency Webinar: Introduction to the Global & Regional Processes and Mechanisms and the SDGs

The Asia-Pacific Disability Constituency organized its first webinar for the Asia-Pacific on 30th September. The panelist focused on the Disability Constituency at the global and regional levels, AP-RECEM structures and processes, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Voluntary National Reviews (VNR) and the Regional VNR experience.

Access the recording [here](https://drive.google.com/file/d/17ExMrbrkdXiYoU4-GoJRjQtcVEKWMunX/view).

## Disability Inclusive Economic Empowerment

The ILO Global Business Disability Network held a webinar to foster inclusion of persons with disabilities in rural economies. The panelists focused on 3 major elements: mainstreaming disability in livelihood interventions, leveraging technology and innovation, and pathways to enhance access to finance.

Access the webinar video recording [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfRNXZKSyAI).

## People with Disabilities and Addressing Inequalities in our Cities and Communities

The United Nations Department of Economic Affairs (UN DESA) Division for Sustainable Goals (DSDG) and its Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD) in collaboration with UN DESA Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD) hosted a webinar marking the celebration of the World Cities Day 2020.

The theme of the webinar, “Leaving No One Behind: Persons with Disabilities and Inequalities in our Cities and Communities”. The webinar aimed to provide local governments and actors with knowledge that will support a swift recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and advancing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development. It also focused on accelerating progress for inclusion of persons with disabilities and universal design in cities and communities, leaving no one behind.

 Access the video recording [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KS-mG058pHI).

## Reimagining Cooperation on Sport for People with Disabilities

The UNDESA’s Division for Inclusive Social Development hosted a webinar on “Reimagining cooperation on sport for person with disabilities”, with an aim to raise awareness and to identify collaborative innovative solutions and responses to recover better from the pandemic. The focus of the webinar was on building more equal, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable economies and societies engaging persons with disabilities and stakeholders through sport.

Access the video recording [here](https://unsdn.org/2020/11/11/reimagining-cooperation-on-sport-for-persons-with-disabilities-leaving-no-one-behind-2/).

## COVID-19 RESOURCES

## Resource Document: Disability and COVID-19 Influencer Resources

Innovation to Inclusion (i2i) has produced a new advocacy resource to guide decisions affecting the lives of people with disabilities during and after a pandemic. It is aimed at both individuals and their representative organisations. This document was drawn from a survey conducted in Bangladesh and Kenya, from the lived experiences of more than 300 women and men with disabilities during COVID-19 response in April and May this year.

The resource explores the impact of measures to control the spread of the coronavirus on people with disability. It also incorporates the challenges faced by people with disabilities, the ways to influence change in attitudes, behavior and policies for an inclusive response and recovery efforts, now and in the future, in line with UN CRPD.

Access the resource document [here](https://www.leonardcheshire.org/sites/default/files/2020-10/i2i-disability-covid-19-influencer-pack-accessible.pdf).

# ****UPCOMING EVENTS****

## Online course: Global Disability: Research and Evidence

International Centre for Evidence in Disability, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Starts 30th November | Duration: 3 weeks

More information & to register click [here](https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/global-disability-research-and-evidence).

## UN webinar: 13th session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

UN DESA | 30th November, 1st & 3rd December 2020\*

Learn more [here](https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2/cosp13.html) & register [here](https://indico.un.org/event/35372/registration/).

\*30th November: opening session and CRPD election; 1st December: virtual roundtable discussions, virtual interactive dialogue with the UN system and virtual closing; 3rd December: sessions with civil society.

## ****Webinar: 2020 Harkin International Disability Employment Summit****

The Harkin Institute | 20th December, 2020

Learn more & register [here](https://harkininstitute.drake.edu/events/the-harkin-summit/).

## ****Webinar: WBU ICEVI General Assemblies on “World Blind Summit: What it means to be Blind and Visually Impaired”****

World Blind Union | 28th-30th June, 2021

Learn more [here](https://worldblindunion.org/blog/news/announcement-wbu-icevi-general-assemblies-28-30-june-2021/).

# ****OPPORTUNITIES****

## Job vacancy: Intersectionalities Officer

IDA | Starts January 2021

[APPLY BY 27 NOVEMBER](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/content/opportunities?fbclid=IwAR0QAopArOzEx4mRFrVaVW15FUGV8A90TCo2hTs2-fYfheIZyt6Eq67aQaQ)

## Disability Inclusive Development consultant

ACFID | Consultancy period: December 2020-March 2021

[APPLY BY 30 NOVEMBER](https://acfid.asn.au/jobs/consultancy-write-acfid-guidance-development-disability-inclusion-policy)

## Disability Inclusion Advisors - Expressions of Interest

CBM Australia | Based in Melbourne (with remote working available)

[APPLY BY 30 NOVEMBER](https://www.cbm.org.au/get-involved/careers/)

## Consultant to support IDA survey

IDA | Consultancy period: January-March 2021

[APPLY BY 10 DECEMBER](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/content/opportunities)

## Consultant to develop IDA e-course

IDA | Consultancy period: 6 months

[APPLY BY 14 DECEMBER](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/tor_course_development_consultants_final.docx)

## Research Consultancies (Asia-Pacific Region)

Interplast Australia and New Zealand | Multiple locations across the Asia-Pacific

For more information and to access Terms of Reference, click [here](https://interplast.org.au/get-involved/employment-opportunities/).

# 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.

To join ADDC (membership is free) or find out more, please visit www.addc.org.au.

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