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Welcome to our November edition. The countdown to International Day of People with Disabilities (IDPD) is officially now underway! Make sure to check out our [IDPD toolkit](#IDPDToolkit), brimming with content to guide and inspire your communications so that we can all make some noise celebrating on and in the lead up to IDPD (3rd December) this year. Keep your eyes peeled for [CBM Australia’s campaign](#CBMAustraliacampaign) - 'Brighter Futures: Children with Disabilities in the Pacific' on their socials and register to join their [virtual event](#CBMAustraliacampaign) on 2nd December. This will be an opportunity to learn from the lived experiences of young leaders with disabilities from our region as well as being part of their first public screening of their video specially created for IDPD! This video features three children with disabilities who are making the most of their education after barriers to inclusion were taken away.

Join us in marking IDPD by taking part and encouraging your organisation to cast a vision for a #MoreInclusiveWorld in the week leading up to IDPD – so next week! We will be sending out a special Bulletin next week marking international day as well as sharing with you the delegation of women leaders from our region we are taking to Canberra next week. Look forward to seeing and sharing with you over social media next week. Remember to use #MoreInclusive World to all join together!

On behalf of ADDC, we thank you for being with us on this journey to a #MoreInclusiveWorld,

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# ADDC NEWS

## IDPD Toolkit released

With International Day of People with Disabilities (IDPD) coming up soon on 3 December, we have put together a toolkit with ideas on how you and your organisation can celebrate advances in disability inclusion with people with disabilities and raise awareness.  
  
Our toolkit is brimming with ideas on activities to mark IDPD this year for a #MoreInclusiveWorld including:    
✔️ ideas for organising IDPD events or activities,    
✔️ tips for who to get involved, and   
✔️ guidance on engaging speakers with disabilities.

Let us know what your organisation has done to build disability inclusion within your own organisation or through your international development work on social media – use the hashtag - #MoreInclusiveWorld – and we will share your posts in the lead up to #IDPD!

Also, keep an eye on our [Facebook](https://addc.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=998a8117f4a8453f79ba128a1&id=3fc505b074&e=98bcda0af3), [LinkedIn](https://addc.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=998a8117f4a8453f79ba128a1&id=40d324b04d&e=98bcda0af3) and [Twitter](https://addc.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=998a8117f4a8453f79ba128a1&id=9b881f60fd&e=98bcda0af3) to hear from regional disability leaders on what a #MoreInclusiveWorld means to them next week

Download the IDPD Toolkit [here](https://www.addc.org.au/idpd/).

## ADDC Strategic Plan 2023-2026

Throughout this year the ADDC Executive Committee has been reviewing and revising the mission, vision and plan for our network over the coming years in consultation with you, our members. Thank you for all those who have contributed their time and expertise to the process to develop a clear road map for ADDC to continue to contribute to building a more inclusive and equitable world over the next four years.

It is with great pleasure we share with you the strategic plan for ADDC covering 2023 to 2026.

Access the PDF, accessible word and Easy English versions [here](https://www.addc.org.au/file/addc-strategic-plan-2023-2026/).

## Update on ADDC Executive Committee

We have recently welcomed [Alison Thornburn from Good Return](https://www.addc.org.au/who-we-are/executive-committee/#GoodReturn) to our committee. Alison is based in Good Return’s Cambodia office, working with a microfinance partner to provide disability inclusive finance services and promote financial inclusion of people with disabilities at sector level. She also contributes to Good Return’s broader Gender Equity, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) mainstreaming strategy as a member of the social inclusion action group. Alison sits in the position formerly held by Fifi Rashando. We thank Fifi for the rich perspectives and expertise she brought to the committee and wish her well in her future endeavours.

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

## CBM Australia’s IDPD campaign: My Start Counts - Let’s ensure children with disabilities count!

Children with disabilities in the poorest nations are among the most marginalised, excluded and vulnerable. They face barriers to health, education and support that so often bind them to a life of extreme poverty.  
  
And too often they are overlooked and not properly accounted for in development efforts. That’s why CBM Australia’s theme for this year’s International Day is: My Start Counts - Let’s ensure children with disabilities count!   
  
Together we can take action to help eliminate those barriers, so children everywhere get the strong start to life they deserve. And we can start by learning more about the situation facing young people with disabilities in our region, and how they are taking action.  
  
Join CBM on Friday 2 December at 2pm AEDT to hear from Jane Edge, CEO of CBM Australia, and for the premiere screening of an interview of two emerging disability leaders from the Pacific.  
  
This is a unique opportunity to learn from the lived experience of Maselina Iuta (Samoa) and Beia Temango (Kiribati).  [Register here!](https://www.cbm.org.au/idpd-virtual-event?utm_source=EM2209&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=email_1)  
  
Together, we can amplify the voices of children with disabilities to ensure their needs are heard and action is taken so they can achieve their full potential.

## COP27: Governments still have much to do to achieve disability inclusion in climate action

The 27th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27) has concluded in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. Little attention was given to the rights of the one billion people with disabilities who are among the most affected by the climate crisis. Despite years of advocacy by people with disabilities and their allies, and notwithstanding their obligations under the Paris Agreement and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, governments continue to fail to comply with their duties to respect, protect, and fulfill the rights of persons with disabilities in their response to climate change.

COP27 was ground-breaking for disability inclusion in many ways: the number of persons with disabilities participating multiplied compared to earlier conferences, as did the number of events addressing disability organized by different Governments, UN agencies, and other stakeholders. The main decision as well as the action plan for climate empowerment included references to people with disabilities for the first time.

[Learn more in IDA’s blog](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/blog/some-good-news-persons-disabilities-cop27).

## CEDAW Committee adopts General recommendation No 39 on the rights of Indigenous Women and Girls: 30 references to disability and to indigenous women and girls with disabilities

The International Disability Alliance (IDA) welcomes the CEDAW Committee’s adoption [General recommendation No. 39 on the rights of Indigenous Women and Girls](https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/2022-10/CEDAW_GR_C_39_AUV.docx) providing guidance to States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against women on the more relevant issues for indigenous women and girls and on State Parties’ obligations regarding their rights.

IDA highly welcomes the outstanding level of inclusiveness of indigenous women and girls with disabilities. The general recommendation includes 30 (thirty) references to disability and to indigenous women and girls with disabilities. Indeed, when referring to non-discrimination and intersectionality, the CEDAW Committee includes “disability” among the many grounds of discrimination and/or layer of identities involved (See paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 16 and 17).

Focusing more on issues specific to indigenous women and girls with disabilities, the CEDAW Committee “highlights in particular the gravity of discrimination and gender-based violence against Indigenous Women and Girls with disabilities living in institutions” (paragraph 9) and stresses that “[i]ndigenous women with disabilities commonly experience the denial of legal capacity which leads to further human rights violations in areas such as access to justice, institutionalized violence, and forced sterilization” (paragraph 9).

Jointly with the Indigenous Persons with Disabilities Global Network (IPWDGN), the International Disability Alliance actively engaged in the process leading to this general comment engaging at each stage open for participation. Together they made the following two submission:

* Submission for the CEDAW Committee Day of General Discussion on the Rights of Indigenous Women and Girls (June 2021) in [**PDF**](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/ipwdgn_ida_submission_for_dgd_cedaw_final_0.pdf) or [**Word**](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/ipwdgn_ida_submission_for_dgd_cedaw_final.docx)
* Submission on the CEDAW Committee’s Draft General Recommendation on Indigenous Women and Girls (January 2021) in [**PDF**](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/ipwdgn_ida_submission_on_cedaw_draft_gr_on_indigenous_women_and_girls_for_submission.pdf) or [**Word**](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/ipwdgn_ida_submission_on_cedaw_draft_gr_on_indigenous_women_and_girls_for_submission.docx)

[Read more of IDA’s article](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/blog/cedaw-committee-adopts-general-recommendation-no-39-rights-indigenous-women-and-girls-30).

## Unity is strength: Strategizing the consolidation of the movement of persons with psychosocial disabilities in Africa

From 17th to 19th November 2022, the Pan African Network of Persons with Psychosocial Disabilities (PANPPD), the United Disabled People of Kenya (UDPK), the African Disability Forum (ADF), and the International Disability Alliance (IDA) hosted a three-day workshop in Nairobi, Kenya.

The workshop aimed at consolidating PANPPD’s strategic framework 2023-2026 and building consensus and ownership among its members on the strategy and vision. The workshop was supported by the Norwegian Cooperation Agency (NORAD) and the Open Society Foundation (OSF).

[Learn more in this blog about the workshop](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/blog/unity-strength-strategizing-consolidation-movement-persons-psychosocial-disabilities-africa).

# ****NEW RESOURCES****

## Missing in Climate Action: Stories of persons with disabilities from the Global South

This CBM Global publication tells the story of the people, the individuals and communities affected by climate change, yet absent from key conversations and actions on climate. Its purpose is to amplify the perspectives of persons with disabilities and their representative organisations and by doing so make a small contribution into an under researched area.

[Download the report](https://cbm-global.org/resource/missing-in-climate-action).

## Background Briefing Report: Leave No One Behind: People with Disabilities and Older People in Climate-Related Disasters

This research conducted by Human Rights Watch suggests that in situations of disasters and extreme weather events, people with disabilities and older people were at higher risk of death, as well as physical and mental health impacts, which were compounded by experiences of poverty and isolation. People with disabilities and older people faced greater issues accessing warnings and emergency information, as well as reaching humanitarian support in the aftermath. Many of those interviewed expressed fear about future climate-related disasters.

Human Rights Watch urges governments, the UN, and environmental groups to include and use the expertise of disability and older people’s rights advocates to jointly improve future preparations and support for extreme weather, ensuring that all have access, and no one is left behind.

[Access the full report here](https://www.hrw.org/news/2022/11/07/leave-no-one-behind).

## Global Disability Summit 2022 Report

The Global Disability Summit (GDS2022) was held in February 2022. The Summit represented a pivotal moment and collected more than 1400 new commitments; the pledges came from a diverse array of 190 stakeholders including governments, multilateral agencies, donors, foundations, the private sector, CSOs, and organisations of people with disabilities (OPDs).

After the Summit, the permanent co-host of the mechanism, the International Disability Alliance, with the support of the Global Disability Summit Secretariat, embarked on an analysis of the commitments received.

Through the Global Disability Summit Report, key information from the preparatory phase of the GDS2022 is provided relating to the regional and national consultations, how the GDS agenda was selected, the mechanisms in place that allowed the IDA and the GDS Secretariat to take stock of the progress made since GDS2018, and what they have been doing to monitor the implementation of the commitments.

[Learn more about and access the report](https://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/blog/global-disability-summit-2022-report).

# Webinar recordings

## Webinar Snapshot on gender-based violence in Cameroon

Women with disabilities are more likely to experience violence than women without a disability and are less likely to disclose incidents of sexual violence and domestic abuse. Recently, CBM Australia, alongside staff from the Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services and two women with disabilities from a local Organisation of People with Disabilities, held a webinar discussing why women with disabilities do not report incidents of gender-based violence in Cameroon.

The presentation drew on the findings from research the Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services undertook, with support from CBM Australia, to understand better the barriers preventing women with disabilities in Cameroon from disclosing incidents of sexual violence and domestic abuse.

[Access the webinar here](https://www.cbm.org.au/stories/video-webinar-snapshot-on-gender-based-violence-in-cameroon).

## Closing the Justice Gap for women with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (20 October 2022)

UN Women Regional Office Asia and the Pacific and together with the Government of Sweden, University of Galway, OHCHR, the International Commission of Jurists and the International Disability Alliance hosted the side event in the margins of the ESCAP High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities. The panel discusses and shared challenges encountered by this group of women, good practices, and the emerging learnings of a pioneering legal needs survey conducted in the Philippines, Nepal, Indonesia, and Fiji to identify the legal needs of women with psychosocial and intellectual disabilities.

[Access the webinar here.](https://vimeo.com/765555131)

## COP27 side event: From exclusion to leadership: People with Disabilities Develop an Agenda for Inclusive Climate Action (10 November 2022)

International Disability Alliance (IDA), European Disability Forum, CBM UK, McGill University, Shanta Memorial Rehabilitation Centre (SMRC), Sustain Our Abilities, Human Rights Watch hosted a webinar on 10 November 2022. The webinar discussed that people with disabilities were being acutely impacted by climate change, particularly in countries that are at the forefront of the climate crisis. It shared data from research indicating that a very limited number of countries include any reference to persons with disabilities in their climate policies and commitments. And that if climate action is to reach the most affected, it is vital that it includes those most marginalised to meet their needs and draw on their capacities. The side event presented some recent evidence and recommended measures to make sure that people with disabilities and their representative organizations are at the front and centre of a rights-based response to climate change.

[Access the webinar here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HfdI3ELerzI).

## COP27 side event: Disability rights – disability inclusion in climate action (14 November 2022)

This event presents research and practice-based knowledge about inclusive climate adaptation and how to foster the agency of persons with disabilities, with a specific focus on gender, as inspired by Nordic welfare models. What fruitful practices and concrete examples exist that can build momentum and lead transformational change towards inclusion?

[Access the webinar here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Ples4cb6pc).

## COP27 side event: Localized Solutions to Reduce Climate Induced Loss & Damage for the Most Vulnerable

Risk reduction, and prevention reduces escalating climate hazards´ negative impacts. A focus on vulnerability to identify and assist the most at risk to prepare for hazards is critical. This session will address all-of-society solutions and local voice for tangible practices to reduce loss & damage.

[Access the webinar here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R77Ram8caXI&list=PLBcZ22cUY9RJc1scZLmb8SdZezq3IM00i&index=47).

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

## Call for bids: International Council of Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) World Conference 2024

## ICEVI is proposing to hold a combined World Conference and General Assembly for a period of 4 days over October and November 2024. ICEVI invite bids for conducting this global event which is expected to be attended by approximately 1000 people. The conference is expected to be hosted in one of the regions of ICEVI. Organizations may express their interest or enter discussions with the CEO of ICEVI regarding potential destinations for conducting the event.

## [Learn more here](https://icevi.org/).

# ****UPCOMING EVENTS****

## Launch of WHO Training in Assistive Products

World Health Organization | November 10-24, 2022

[LEARN MORE HERE.](https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2022/11/10/default-calendar/launch-of-who-training-in-assistive-products)

## Gender-based violence and forcibly displaced women with disabilities

Pacific Disability Forum| November 28, 2022

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER HERE](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclcOihrjgoG9fiRZStL8P1HOhTEdAE2yc0).

## WHO Global Report on Health Equity for Persons with Disabilities

World Health Organization| December 2, 2022

[LEARN MORE HERE.](https://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2022/12/02/default-calendar/launch-of-the-who-global-report-on-health-equity-for-persons-with-disabilities)

## The Year End Consultation with OPDs and refugees with disabilities

Pacific Disability Forum| December 5, 2022

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER HERE](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIld--orDkjH9e48EoRt5EogPicDEAfO88j).

## Asia-Pacific Commemoration of International Day of Persons with Disabilities

UNESCAP | December 8, 2022

[LEARN MORE](https://www.unescap.org/events/2022/asia-pacific-commemoration-international-day-persons-disabilities) & [REGISTER HERE](https://bit.ly/3NQqim1).

[ACCESS CONCEPT NOTE HERE](https://tinyurl.com/5n7w67w4).

**Release of UNICEF global database and latest global and regional estimates on children in detention**

UNICEF | December 13, 2022

[REGISTER HERE.](https://unicef.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_koENABlJRUSPbtzX8kAJog)

**Release of UNICEF global database and latest global and regional estimates on children in residential care**

UNICEF | December 14, 2022

[REGISTER HERE.](https://unicef.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LsYVs0XxTQqZcQEKmBTr8Q)

## 7th Pacific Regional Conference on Disability - “Nothing without us: Deepening partnership for an inclusive recovery for the Blue Pacific Continent in a post COVID world”

Fiji | February 27-March 3, 2023

SAVE THE DATE.

## 5th Asia-Pacific Community-based Inclusive Development Congress 2023

Royal Government of Cambodia & CBID/CBR Asia Pacific Network | March 15-17, 2023

[LEARN MORE HERE](https://cbid5.dac.gov.kh/). 

# ****OPPORTUNITIES****

## Director of Program Impact

CBM Australia | Applications reviewed as received.

[LEARN MORE & APPLY](https://bit.ly/3S39Vms).

## HRDAP 2023: Apply now for ISHR’s hybrid training for human rights defenders

International Service for Human Rights| Apply by January 10, 2023

[LEARN MORE & APPLY](https://ishr.ch/latest-updates/hrdap-2023-apply-now-for-ishrs-hybrid-training-for-human-rights-defenders/).

## “Stepping Into Program” for students with disability

The Australian Network on Disability runs an internship program which pairs university students with disability with executives in Australian organisations.

Twice a year the Australian Network on Disability recruits university students who meet employers’ job descriptions. The students complete an internship either during their winter or summer semester break to gain practical experience and confidence in the workplace.

Students do a minimum of 152 hours, either as a four-week full-time block or flexibly across a longer period. They work at the organisation’s head office or branch locations giving them a chance to experience a range of tasks and project challenges.

91% of interns reported that they felt better prepared for the workforce after doing the program and 98% of managers who supervised the interns said they would participate in the program again.

[Find out more about the program](https://www.and.org.au/students-jobseekers/start-an-internship/).

# 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 our [website](http://www.addc.org.au).

This bulletin aims to provide information on Disability Inclusive Development across organizations 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.

**Acknowledgment of Country:**ADDC recognizes the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the first inhabitants of the nation and the traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work. We acknowledge their resilience, contributions and connection to land, culture and water. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and future. 45 per cent of Aboriginal Australians live with a disability or a long-term, restricting health condition. They are 2.1 times more likely to live with a disability than non-Aboriginal Australians, and 5 times more likely to experience a mental health condition. Aboriginal people with disabilities participate in cultural activities at the same rates as those without disabilities. We pay our respects to their enduring spirit and inclusivity.

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