



National Victim Assistance Stakeholder Dialogue :

Presentation on bridges between the CRPD and SDGs and recommendations for the new policy on disabilities in Uganda

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ABOUT

THE AFRICAN DISABILITY FORUM (ADF)

- ❑ ADF is a Pan- African membership organisation of Persons with Disabilities Organisations (DPOs).
- ❑ The formation idea was proposed during the UN Special rapporteur on Disability consultation meeting in 2012 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- ❑ Currently legally registered in Ethiopia and office located in Addis Ababa.
- ▶ BRIDGE CRPD-SDGs fellowship program was initiated in partnership with the International Disability Alliance (IDA) and CBM.
- ▶ In 2018-19, two circles of BRIDGE CRPD-SDGs in Uganda and Tanzania

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

- ▶ On **13 December 2006**, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution that established the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and its Optional Protocol (A/RES/61/106)
- ▶ It was opened for signature on **30 March 2007**
- ▶ The Convention entered into force on **3 May 2008**.
- ▶ Uganda Ratified the UNCRPD on **25th September 2008**. The CRPD has been the most swiftly ratified international treaty.
- ▶ Reports compiled and reviewed by all **162 state parties**, concluding observations are made indicating various areas of improvements under each article of the Convention. Concluding observations can be obtained online.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- ▶ The SDGs, officially launched in January 2016, Adopted by 193 UN members
- ▶ **Replaced MDGs** on ground of excluding PWDs with provisions that include persons with disabilities 11 times
- ▶ The goals have **five pillars** upon which the SDG'S are hinged. They include: planet, people, peace, prosperity and partnerships
- ▶ **Reviews are done by selected countries** with guidance of the High Level Political Forum (HLPF). So far approximately 113 countries have presented their reviews.
- ▶ These **reviews are voluntary** and demonstrate the commitment of the international community to mobilize efforts towards achieving the Goals.
- ▶ Reviews by countries at the Forum provide the **opportunity to mobilize support** to overcome shared challenges, identify new and emerging issues and provide recommendations for implementing the Goals.
- ▶ Success in achieving the SDGs will help to address some of the **most pressing global challenges**, such as climate change, providing a better life for women and men and building a firm foundation for stability and peace in all societies, everywhere

The BRIDGE between CRPD -SDGs

- ▶ BRIDGE CRPD-SDG is a **unique inclusive capacity development initiative** aimed to supporting DPOs activist to develop an inclusive (all persons with disabilities) and comprehensive (all human rights) CRPD perspective on development, including the agenda 2030 and sustainable development goals (SDGs).
- ▶ This is the **first IDA-IDDC initiative** that aligns the work of the CRPD and the 2030 Agenda, bringing together a broader range of disability and development organisations.
- ▶ The BRIDGE CRPD-SDG curriculum is **very diverse**, and includes legal harmonisation, budget advocacy, data and indicators for planning, implementing and monitoring CRPD and SDGs.
- ▶ So far, more than **140 DPO's leaders, staff and activists have been trained with 5 cycles** completed in South East Asia, Latin America, Indonesia, East and West Africa and the Pacific.
- ▶ SDG'S to the CRPD are **complementary each during advocacy**. For example, goal 4 was linked to article 24 of the CRPD, goal 5 with Article 6 of the CRPD on gender equality and the rights of women, goal 8 with article 27 on work and employment

Key principles of BRIDGE CRPD-SDG

- ▶ BRIDGE CRPD-SDG strives to enact the general principles of the CRPD throughout its training objectives, content, and teaching methods:
- ▶ **By, for and with persons with disabilities** - it aims to equip self-advocates with the skills required to participate and influence decisions that affect their lives, in line with the motto of the disability movement “nothing about us without us”
- ▶ **Ensuring and promoting diversity** - Attention is paid to ensure the optimum representation of the diversity of the disability movement among participants, including gender balance, representation of people with different types of impairments, and/or other characteristics such as indigenous persons with disabilities.
- ▶ **Participatory methods** - BRIDGE CRPD-SDG is based experience, knowledge and active contribution to the promotion of rights of persons with disabilities.
- ▶ **Inclusiveness in practice** - significant attention to accessibility, reasonable accommodation needs, different different ways of engaging and communicating.

Recommendations

- ▶ Timely review of the National Policy on Disability
- ▶ Inclusion of all categories of persons with disabilities needs
- ▶ National wide sensitization and awareness creation on Landmine victims and survivors
- ▶ Consultation and engagement of DPOs in the National Disability policy implementation and monitoring
- ▶ Reasonable accommodation should be provided at all level of policy engagement considering all kind of disabilities more specifically the underrepresented groups such as persons with intellectual disabilities, persons with psychosocial disabilities and deaf-blind people.
- ▶ Data on disability easy services identification
- ▶ More engagement in policy debates link to CRPD implementation and SDGs implementation including legal harmonisation, public budget, policy reforms
- ▶ Identify capacity gaps and complementary efforts to address the gaps on compliance and non compliance within the policy on Disability

Resources

- ▶ UN CRPD
- ▶ SDGs
- ▶ <http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/content/bridge-crpd-sdgs-training-initiative>
- ▶ http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/bridge_crpd-sdg_presentation.pdf