



Partnerships for SDGs: International Disability Alliance and the International Disability and Development Consortium

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I am presenting on the partnership between the International Disability Alliance (IDA) and the International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC).

The International Disability Alliance is an alliance of networks and brings together over 1,100 organizations of persons with disabilities and their families from across eight global and six regional networks. With member organizations around the world, IDA represents the estimated one billion people worldwide with disabilities.

The International Disability and Development Consortium is a global consortium of disability and development non-governmental organizations, mainstream development NGOs and organizations of persons with disabilities (DPOs) supporting disability and development work in more than 100 countries around the world.

Since persons with disabilities – 15 per cent of the world’s population - are amongst those furthest behind, we work collaboratively to promote the rights of persons with disabilities to realize the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and to ensure that the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is inclusive of persons with disabilities.

The partnership engages in capacity building of organizations of persons with disabilities in the global South, monitoring and implementation of the CRPD and 2030 Agenda, and data collection and disaggregation for persons with disabilities.

The partnership has been actively engaged in the VNR process and has created a platform to share information in an accessible and participatory manner with national umbrella organizations of persons with disabilities to create coordinated messages. Even so, persons with disabilities are too often excluded from national and regional consultations – from both wider civil society platforms and the government - because meetings are inaccessible and accommodations not provided.

To address this, we carry out accessible, inclusive, transparent and participatory projects and trainings supporting all persons with disabilities to develop inclusive and comprehensive knowledge of the CRPD and the 2030 Agenda for the realization of rights of persons with disabilities, and come up with solutions acknowledging and respecting diversity and intersectionality.

To ensure there is SDG data disaggregation by disability, we advocate for a unique, comparable means of disaggregating through streamlined and coherent advocacy and use the short set of questions developed by the Washington Group that can easily and cost effectively be inserted in all national data collection efforts.

Globally, we reach many persons with disabilities. For example, last year we delivered CRPD and SDG capacity building trainings to a gender-balanced group of more than 100 disability activists from 37 countries, as well as provided online and in-person training modules and webinars on the monitoring and implementation of the CRPD and SDGs to more than 400 persons with disabilities and advocates in English, Spanish, French, and International Sign.

We continue to build, strengthen, and expand our partnership to reach the furthest left behind.