

STAKEHOLDER GROUP OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITES

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Subject: Submission to the High Level Political Forum by the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities

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Mr. Zhu,

In accordance with A/RES/67/290 and on behalf of the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities from all over the world, we the focal points are pleased to submit our sectoral position paper to the 2017 Session of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) entitled ‘Eradicating Poverty and Promoting Prosperity for Persons with Disabilities’.

In November, 2016, the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities convened an open, transparent, accessible and inclusive call to initiate the establishment of a working group to draft the sectoral position paper. As a result, over 70 representatives from across the disability rights movement joined this call and agreed to carry out the work.

The working group agreed on several steps outlined below in the table. As a start, the working group identified key messages, and titles for the submission. Afterwards, break-out groups were formed to draft each chapter. These initial drafts were discussed by the entire working group and refined in line with the discussions. After agreement to the First Draft by the entire working group, a wide consultation was conducted with all the members of the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities. Comments received to the First Draft were addressed and incorporated by the working group, and subsequently, the Second Draft was prepared for additional minor comments. At the end of the second consultation, the working group finalized the submission and launched endorsement process.

Date	Activity
December 15	Share Work Plan and compiled messages received - invited the working group to review and to make recommendations
End of December	Identified the main message as it relates to “Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world”
January 6	Chapter titles defined
January 18	First draft of Chapters in break-out groups were prepared
February 15	First comments received by entire working group
February 20	Refinement by break-out groups – the First Draft prepared
February 5	Wide review and consultation with the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities
February 28	Review and incorporation of comments received by working group – Preparation of the Second Draft
March 14	Wide review and consultation with the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities

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March 20	Working Group finalizes submission
April	Endorsement process
28 April	Submission

Please note that our sectoral position paper includes an Executive Summary (entitled as such), which we kindly ask to be translated in all six official languages and be issued as an official document to the 2017 HLPF session. Further, we kindly ask that the remaining part of the position paper be annexed to the official document in the English language.

As a result of a wide outreach, 272 national, regional and international organisations from all over the world endorsed and signed up to support this submission. A list of organisations is attached to this letter.

We would like to take this opportunity – on behalf of the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities - to express our gratitude to the DSD for their commitment in including the messages of persons with disabilities in the HLPF documentations.

Yours sincerely,

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The following organisations have endorsed the paper:

1. A1 Hr Consultancy
2. Aaina
3. Ability Society Of Kenya
4. Ablechildafrica
5. Accessibility Organization For Afghan Disabled, Skateistan, Afghanistan Paralympic Committee
6. Action Handicap
7. Action On Disability Rights And Development-Nepal (ADRAD)
8. Activists Network For Disabled People (ANDP)
9. Ademo - Delegacao De Sofala
10. Afghan Landmine Survivors Organization (ALSO)
11. Africa Disability Alliance
12. African Disability Forum
13. African Federation Of The Deafblind
14. African Union Of The Blind
15. African Youth With Disabilities Network - Sierra Leone
16. African Youth With Disabilities Network (AYWDN)
17. Agate Center For Women With Special Needs Ngo
18. Aid Children With Disability Association (ACDA) Laos Pdr.
19. AIFO
20. Al Saeeda Society For The Care And Rehabilitation Of Deaf Girls In Yemen
21. Al-Amal Asso. For The Deaf
22. Albanian National Association Of The Deaf
23. Anwasha Kolkata
24. Apadea, Asociacion Argentina De Padres De Autistas
25. Arab Organization Of Persons With Disability
26. Artist With Disability And Prosperity Adp
27. Asdown Colombia
28. ASEAN Disability Forum
29. Asia Blind Union
30. Asociacion Azul
31. Asociacion Polio-Postpolio Argentina
32. Aspane Nueva Era A. C.
33. Associacao Miracles In Mozambique
34. Associasao Dos Deficiente De Sao Tome E Principe
35. Association D'aide A L'education De L'enfant Handicap (AAEEH)
36. Association Des Paralysis De France
37. Association Des Personnes Handicapes Motivates De Tane (Aphmoto)
38. Association For Disability And Development "Add" Maldives.
39. Association Of Disable People In Mozambique (ADEMO), Zambezia Province
40. Association Of Youth With Disabilities In Mozambique (Ajodemo)
41. Athabasca University

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42. Austrian Red Cross
43. Bapda Belize
44. Basic Needs India
45. Bethlehem Arab Society For Rehabilitation
46. Blind And Visual Impaired Society Of Maldives, Bvism
47. Caribbean CBM Network
48. CBM
49. CBM Vietnam
50. CBR Global Network
51. Centre For Community Initiative
52. Centre For Integrated Development
53. Charles Sturt University, Australia
54. Chicome Yolo Pa Se Ima A.C
55. Cochabamba's Hard Of Hearing Association - Ashico
56. Collectif Pour La Promotion Des Droits Des Personnes En Situation De Handicap - Morocco
57. Comisian De Damas Invidentes Del Pera - CODIP
58. Consumer Action Network Mental Health Lanka (Can Mh Lanka)
59. Corporacion Programa Poblacional De Servicios La Caleta, Chile
60. Cultural Forum For People With Special Needs In Syria
61. Culture Centre For The Deaf Mongolia
62. Dahw Deutsche Lepra- Und Tuberkulosehilfe
63. Deaf Hope
64. Deafblind Ontario Services
65. Development And Ability Organization (DAO)
66. Direction De Developpement Associatif Et Politique D'inclusion
67. Director Liliane Foundation
68. Disability Equality Society
69. Disability Organisations Joint Front (DOJF) Sri Lanka
70. Disability Partnership Finland
71. Disability Rights Fund, Inc. & Disability Rights Advocacy Fund, Inc.
72. Disabled People's International, Arab Region
73. Disabled People's International - Europe
74. Disabled People's International North America And The Caribbean Region
75. Disabled People's Organisations Australia
76. Disabled Persons' Association Of Bhutan (DPAB)
77. Disabled Women In Africa (Diwa)
78. Divine Foundation For Disabled Persons
79. Down Syndrome International
80. DPO Latinoamerica
81. DPI Maldives Mna
82. DPI Pakistan
83. Dutch Coalition On Disability And Development
84. East Africa Disability Aid

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85. East Eagle Foundation
86. Ecumenical Disability Advocates Network
87. Eden Centre Fro Disabled Children, Yangon, Myanmar
88. Edraak Organization For Persons With Disabilities
89. EJEVH
90. Enlightening And Empowering People With Disabilities In Africa (EPPD Africa)
91. Escuela De Vecinos De Venezuela
92. Estanara Group
93. EU-Cord
94. European Disability Forum
95. European Network Of (Ex-)Users And Survivors Of Psychiatry (ENUSP)
96. European Union Of The Deaf Youth
97. Family Centered Initiative For Challenged Persons
98. Federacion Costarricense de organizaciones de personas con discapacidad
99. Federation Burkina Des Association Pour La Promotion Des Personnes Handicap (Febah)
100. Federation Das Associations De Defesa E Promotion Dos Direitos Das Pessoas Com Deficiencia Na Guine-Bissau (FADPD-GB)
101. Federation Nationale Des Sourds D'haiti Fnash
102. Federation Nigerienne Des Personnes Handicapees
103. Federation Of Disability Organisations In Malawi (FEDOMA)
104. Federation Of Ethiopian National Associations Of Persons With Disabilities (FENAPD)
105. Federation Of The Deaf Madagascar
106. Federation Togolaise Des Associations De Personnes Handicap (FETAPH)
107. Fiji Disable Peoples Federation
108. Florida Atlantic University
109. Fontilles
110. Forum for th Rights of Persons with Disabilities
111. Friend For Disability Co.,Ltd
112. Friends Of Paraplegics
113. Fundacion Paso A Paso.A.C
114. Fundacion Sendas
115. Fundacion Todo Tuyo Maria De Personas Con Discapacidad Fisica Anams
116. G3ict - Global Initiative For Inclusive Icts
117. Gambia Federation Of The Disabled
118. Gaucha Association Of Parents And Friends Of Deafblind People And People With Multiple Disabilities
119. Gerakan Peduli Disabilitas Dan Lepra Indonesia (GPDLI)
120. Great Palestinian Union For People With Disabilities
121. Grupo Art-Culo 24
122. Grupo Brasil De Apoio Ao Surdocego E Ao Multiplo Deficiente Sensorial
123. Gude Ecuador
124. Guinean Association Of The Deaf
125. Guinean Association Of The Deaf Women
126. Guyana Community Based Rehabilitation Programme

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127. Handicap Et Developpement Inclusif
128. Handicap International
129. Handicap-Dev
130. Harvard Law School Project On Disability
131. Horizon Academy. Addu City. Maldives
132. Humancare Centre
133. Ibanda District Association Of The Deaf (IDAD)
134. Inclusion International
135. Inclusion Panama
136. International Agency For Rehabilitation India (R.)
137. International Agency For The Prevention Of Blindness (IAPD)
138. International Deaf Emergency
139. International Disability Alliance (IDA)
140. International Disability And Development Consortium (IDDC)
141. International Federation For Spina Bifida And Hydrocephalus
142. International Federation Of Hard Of Hearing People (IFHOH)
143. Jean De Dieu Goma
144. Jeunes Entrepreneurs Vivants Avec Handicap
145. Joint National Association For Persons With Disabilities (JONAPWD) Yobe State Nigeria
146. Kalyani Life Institute
147. Kentalis International Foundation
148. La Federacion Nacional De Sordos De Colombia -Fenascol
149. Lachana Society To Uplift Intellectual Disability (LID-Nepal)
150. Lao-Aid Children With Disability Association
151. Latin America Blind Union
152. Lebanese Physical Handicapped Union
153. Leonard Cheshire Disability
154. Leprosy Mission Nepal
155. Leprosy Relief Canada
156. Libyan Organization For The Rights Of People With Disabilities
157. Light For The World
158. Liliane Foundation The Netherlands
159. Little People Association In Baghdad
160. Los Nia'os Iluminan Un Sue'O A. C.
161. Malawi Union Of The Blind
162. Maldives Association Of Physical Disables (MAPD)
163. Mentaid
164. Mna -Dpi Maldives
165. Modelci
166. Modelci Cadus
167. Morocco Forum "Disabilities And Rights"
168. Motivation
169. Motivation Charitable Trust

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170. Motivation Charitable Trust
171. Muenselling Institute, Khaling (School For The Blind)
172. Mussa Chico Abacar
173. The National Association for the rights of persons with disabilities in Lebanon (NARD)
174. National Association Of Intellectual Disabled And Parents (NAIDP-Nepal)
175. National Association Of The Deaf R.O.C (Taiwan)
176. National Association Of The Deaf, India
177. National Federation Of People With Disabilities In Namibia (NFPDN)
178. National Federation Of The Disabled Nepal
179. National Union Of People With Disabilities Of Tajikistan
180. NFD Pakistan
181. Nepal Disabled Human Rights Center
182. Neslyšící S Nadějí
183. Netherlands Leprosy Relief
184. Nkhotakota Association Of The Visually Impaired Persons(Navip)
185. Nlr Nepal
186. Nuanua O Le Alofa National Advocacy Organisation Of Persons With Disabilities Samoa
187. Open Habitat Ac
188. ORD
189. Organisation Tunisienne De Defense Des Droits De Personnes Handicapees
190. Pacific Disability Forum
191. Pak Ever Bright Development Organization
192. Pakistan Down Syndrome Association (PDSA) Karachi
193. Palestinian General Union Of Persons With Disabilities
194. Parent Federation Of Persons With Intellectual Disabilities (PFPID-Nepal)
195. Parivaar Bengal
196. Partners In Creative Solutions
197. People With Disabilities Solomon Islands (PWDSI)
198. People With Disability Australia
199. Philippine Chamber Of Massage For The Visually Impaired
200. Plateau State Disability Rights Commission, Nigeria
201. Presbyterian Community Based Rehabilitation
202. Presidente Nacional Unpade Chile - Uniã³N Nacional De Personas Con Discapacidad Intelectual
203. Protibondhi Nagorik Shagathaner Parishad (PNSP)
204. Pusat Ehsan
205. RDDS
206. Red Latinoamericana De Organizaciones No Gubernamentales De Personas Con Discapacidad Y Sus Familias - RIADIS
207. Red Regional Por La Educacion Inclusiva
208. Representing The Women With Disability India Network
209. Rosa Chajvez
210. Rumphi Self Help Initiative For The Visually Impaired
211. Rural Development Trust

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212. School Of Law And Centre For Disability Studies, University Of Leeds
213. Scoop Access
214. Self Help Initiative For The Visually Impaired
215. Seven Million Disabled (FAPH)
216. Shanta Memorial Rehabilitation Centre
217. Sightsavers
218. Slpinfiji
219. Society "For International Cooperation Of Disabled People" (FäCDP)
220. Society For Action In Disability And Health Awareness (Sadhana), India
221. Society Of Professionals With Visual Disability
222. Somali Disability Empowerment Network
223. South African Human Rights Commission
224. Southern Africa Federation Of The Disabled (SAFOD)
225. Special Talent Exchange Program
226. Spina Bifida And Hydrocephalus Awareness Network-Uganda
227. Sri Lanka Foundation For The Rehabilitation Of The Disabled
228. St. John's Medical College, Bangalore,India
229. Swedish Association Of The Visually Impaired
230. Swedish National Youth Association Of The Deaf
231. Swotandrata Abhiyan Nepal
232. The Christian Institute On Disability
233. The Evangelical Lutheran Church In Tanzania (ELCT)
234. The Hong Kong Society For Rehabilitation Centre On Research And Advocacy
235. The Leprosy Mission
236. The Mauritanian Association For The Coalition Of Women With Disabilities
237. The Nippon Foundation
238. The Swedish Disability Federation
239. The Uganda Down's Syndrome Association
240. Tourism For All The Gambia Charter And Gambia Association Of The Physically Disabled
241. Tusaidiane Disabilities Resources And Charity Organization Of Tanzania (TDRTC)
242. Uganda National Association Of The Deaf (UNAD)
243. Uganda National Association Of The Hard Of Hearing
244. Umuryango Nyarwanda W'abagore Bafite Ubumuga (UNABU)
245. Un Special Rapporteur On The Rights Of Persons With Disabilities
246. Union Des Personnes Handicapees Du Burundi (UPHB)
247. Union Des Personnes Handicapes Du Burundi
248. Union Nationale Des Associations Des Personnes Handicapades Du Tchad
249. Union Palestinian Of The Deaf
250. United Disabled Persons Of Kenya
251. United Nations Department Of Economics And Social Affairs
252. University Of Massachusetts Boston
253. Unmas Afghanistan
254. Uwezo Youth Empowerment (UWEZ Owezo)

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255. Vipya Disability Association (VDA)
256. Vision Pacific Charitable Trust
257. Visually Hearing Impairment Membership Association (Deafblind Malawi)
258. Voice Of Disabled People International Mauritius
259. West Africa Federation Of The Disabled (WAFOD)
260. West African Federation Of Disabled
261. Wheels In Motion
262. World Network Of Users And Survivors Of Psychiatry
263. Women With Disabilities Australia (WWDA)
264. Women With Disabilities India Network
265. World Blind Union (WBU)
266. World Blind Union Asia Pacific
267. World Enabled
268. World Federation Of The Deaf (WFD)
269. World Federation Of The Deafblind (WFDB)
270. Zambia Federation Of Disability Organisations
271. Zimbabwe Albino Association
272. Zimbabwe National League Of The Blind