# Latin and Central America Consultation on IASC Guidelines on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action

May 3rd and 4th, 2018 – Quito, Ecuador

## Introduction:

In 2016, the United Nations Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Working Group agreed to establish a Task Team on the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action. The Task Team membership spans UN agencies, humanitarian actors, NGOs and organizations of persons with disabilities (DPOs) and includes Member States as observers. The Task Team is led by three co-chairs: the International Disability Alliance (IDA), Humanity & Inclusion (HI) and UNICEF. Further details on the Task Team, including Terms of Reference and Work Plan, can be found on the IASC website:

<https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/iasc-task-team-inclusion-persons-disabilities-humanitarian-action>

The Task Team is mandated to create the IASC Guidelines on the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action between January 2017 and December 2018. The Guidelines will assist humanitarian actors, governments, affected communities and organizations of persons with disabilities to coordinate, plan, implement, monitor and evaluate essential actions that foster the full and effective participation and inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action. The Guidelines will be based on international legal frameworks – International Human Rights Law, International Humanitarian Law and Refugee Law – and drive change in practice across all sectors and in all phases of humanitarian action.

Following a desk review and multi-stakeholder workshop in Geneva, it was decided that the primary target for the Guidelines would be humanitarian actors, including Humanitarian Country Teams, local governments, and then key focal points within the humanitarian architecture (e.g. Inter-agency coordinators; Cluster / Working Group Coordinator; Sector / Sub-Sector Leads). The Guidelines will also target organizations of persons with disabilities (DPOs) as a key humanitarian stakeholder.

The Guidelines will include an overview of the different roles of policy makers, coordinators, program managers, and other implementers, directing people to more detailed products and / or practice guides for inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action as appropriate. Furthermore, the Guidelines will include both guiding principles and approaches that can be applied to all programs and sectors, as well as more detailed sector-specific guidance.

## Objectives:

The Regional Consultation Workshops will seek to:

* Review, discuss and comment on the Guidelines Draft 1
* Review the initial draft content in detail
* Identify gaps that should be addressed
* Agree on the priority areas/key components included in the Guidelines draft, or propose changes
* Collect existing ressources (guidelines, reports, tools, etc.), promising practices and other relevant information from participants to support the content development of the Guidelines
* Identify how regional humanitarian actors can contribute to later phases of the Guidelines development process, including establishing appropriate feedback mechanisms.

## Agenda:

Note: each session will include plenary feedback that will support clear and agreed recommendations that will be used for the development of the IASC guidelines draft 2.

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| May 3rd | **Topic** |
| 8h45 to 9h00 | Arrival of participants and registration |
| 9h00 to 9h45 | Introduction to the workshop, background  Welcome speech:   * IASC Co-Chairs * RIADIS |
| 9h45 to 10h15 | Introduction of participants  Ground rules  Agenda |
| 10h15 to 10h45 | Presentation of methodology (regional consultation, online survey and others) |
| 10h45 to 11h15 | Coffee break |
| 11h15 to 11h45 | Questions – comments on presentation |
| 11h45 to 12h30 | Presentation of regional experiences / good practices |
| 12h30-1h30pm | Lunch |
| 1h30pm to 3h00 (including 30 mn feedback session) | Review and feedback on draft 1 of the IASC guidelines:  Part 1.1.2 : Target audience  Part 1.1.3: Terminology  Part 1.1.4 MUST DO  Part 1.2.1: gaps and opportunities |
| 3h00-3h30pm | Break |
| 3h30 to 4h45 | Part 1.3.2: Risk and barriers  Section 1.5: How can persons with disabilities and organisations of persons with disabilities participate effectively in all stages of humanitarian action? |
| 4h45 to 5h | Closing the day |
| May 4th, 2018 |  |
| 9h00 to 9h30 | Welcome participants – repeating ground rules, introduction of newcomers and summary of previous day |
| 9h30 to 10h | Presentation of good practices from the region |
| 10h00 to 10h45 | Review and feedback on part 2: Humanitarian Program Cycle, timeline framework and needs of different types of actors |
| 10h45 -11h | Break |
| 11h-12h00 | Introduction of part 3: sector specific   * Food security and nutrition * Health * Protection * Shelter * Camps management and camp coordination * Water , Sanitation and Hygiene * Education * Inter-Agency coordination |
| 11h30 to 12h30 | Identification of sector content based on regional practices and experiences |
| 12h30-1h30pm | Lunch |
| 1h30 – 2h30 | Continued: Identification of sector content based on regional practices and experiences |
| 2h30 – 3h15 | Plenary feedback of group work |
| 3h15-3h30 | break |
| 3h30 to 4h30 | Plenary feedback continued if need be |
| 4h30 to 5h | Next steps and way forward  Closing |