**VNR Questionnaire: Phase I**

**DEADLINE – 1 June 2017**

**Read before completing the Survey:**

The Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities would like to compile a case study based on the Voluntary National Reviews and the engagement of persons with disabilities therein at the national level. The case study will focus on the situation of persons with disabilities and their advocacy efforts and engagement with their governments. Responses received from DPOs will be compiled into a case study organised by country. Phase I of the questionnaire will focus on the national DPO situation and advocacy engagement, and the DPO requests to their government. Phase II questions will be developed to facilitate an analysis of the national reports submitted to the UN and to provide opportunities for national DPOs to assess whether or not their advocacy requests were addressed.

You are kindly asked to elaborate on your country and the situation of persons with disabilities. The questions below were compiled along the lines of the Sustainable Development Goals that are under review at the HLPF 2017. The answers will provide essential data to be included in the case study. Please answer the main questions to the best of your knowledge and provide additional or substitute information as relevant, making sure to cite your sources. The aim of the follow-up questions (which are optional) is to gather more detailed information, if available.

1. **General Questions**
2. **First Name:**
3. **Last Name:**
4. **Title:**
5. **Gender (mark with X):**

Male

Female

Other (please state)

1. **Country:**
2. **Organization Name:**
3. **Type of Organization (DPO, NGO, etc.):**
4. **Email Address:**
5. **Are you providing the questions as an umbrella organization or on behalf of several organizations of persons with disabilities in your country? (mark with X):**

Yes

No

1. **Procedural questions**
2. **Is your government undertaking any awareness-raising activities about the Sustainable Development Goals?**

***If yes, please specify.***

1. **Are there, were there or will there be any formal consultations between the government and civil society on SDG implementation?**

***If yes, please elaborate.***

1. **Are or will persons with disabilities participate in the national-level consultations?**

***If yes, will disability accommodations be provided?***

1. **If organizations of persons with disabilities are not included in the process, what actions are you planning to take in response (e.g., written collective response, or meeting with key government officials)?**
2. **Substantive questions – situation of persons with disabilities and the SDGs**
3. **What is the total number of persons with disabilities in your country?**

***If possible please provide: What percentage of the general population is comprised of persons with disabilities?***

1. **Is there a national law that specifically references and protects the rights of persons with disabilities?**

***If yes, provide the number/name of the law. Is this law consistent with the CRPD?***

1. **Has the country signed/ratified the CRPD and its optional protocol? (mark with X):**

Yes

No

Don’t know

1. **Does your government have an SDG national plan? If yes, were organizations of persons with disabilities involved in the creation of this national plan?**
2. **Does the government have specific policies for ending poverty and do persons with disabilities benefit from these policies? If yes, please briefly explain how.**

*Follow-up Question: Do social protection systems and measures cover persons with disabilities? If yes, please briefly explain how. Social protection systems and measures could include: flow cash transfers, school stipends, disability pensions, food vouchers, food transfers, user fee exemptions for health care or education or subsidized services.*

*Follow-up Question: Can persons with disabilities control their own money? If yes, please explain how. If no, explain the general barriers. This question aims to get information about existing legal barriers preventing persons with disabilities from being in control of their own financial resources*

1. **Do persons with disabilities enjoy equal access to health services? Please explain how.**

*Follow-up Question: what is the coverage status of essential health services for persons with disabilities? (for example reproductive, maternal, and child health, infectious diseases, non-communicable diseases) for the disabled population? What are the barriers that confront persons with disabilities when trying to access regular health services?*

*Follow-up Question: Is health coverage in your country providing well designed, easily usable and affordable assistive devices in a timely manner and ensure continuous access to rehabilitation support so that assistive devices are maintained and adapted to individuals’ needs, including as their environments or needs change?*

1. **What are the main challenges that women and girls with disabilities encounter in your country?**

*Follow-up question: Do you know the percentage of men and women with disabilities in your country? If yes, please elaborate.*

*Follow-up question: Do women and girls with disabilities experience high rate of abuse or violence in your country?*

*Follow-up Question: (If data is available) What is the literacy rate for men with disabilities? What is the literacy rate for women with disabilities? Versus women without disabilities? What is the employment rate for men with disabilities? What is the employment rate for women with disabilities? Versus women without disabilities?*

1. **Do persons with disabilities enjoy equal access the physical environment, transport, information and communications technologies, systems and other services open to the public? Please, explain and elaborate with 2-3 concrete examples.**

*Follow-up Question: Does the country have any regulations stating that public buildings and facilities must be accessible to persons with disabilities?*

1. **Is your National Statistical Office collecting data on persons with disabilities in your country? If yes, when was the last time this data collected?**
2. **Did DPOs in your country prepare an advocacy request for their governments with regards the voluntary national review of the SDGs implementation?**

**If yes, could you provide a summary / entire document? Could we use it in the future as an example to be shared with DPOs in other countries?**

Thank you very much for filling out this questionnaire. Please send completed questionnaires to Orsolya Bartha ([obartha@ida-secretariat.org)](mailto:obartha@ida-secretariat.org)).

We will provide with the second phase of questions when your countries national report will be available on the UN’s website.