Persons with Disabilities and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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Agenda 2030 Background

- ▶ Agenda 2030 represents the first global agenda on sustainable development of this scale and ambition.

- ▶ Agenda 2030 encompasses "people, planet and prosperity," or, social development, climate change, and economic development with the aim to eradicate poverty globally.

- ▶ Persons with disabilities are most explicitly outlined in the SDGs (17 goals and 169 targets)

- ▶ The SDGs build on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), eight goals agreed in 2000, to end extreme poverty by 2015.

- ▶ Persons with disabilities were not referenced in the MDGs and consequently excluded from many funding streams.

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Agenda 2030 Structure

Agenda 2030 is a substantive 35-page document containing five significant sections:

▶ (1) Preamble

▶ (2) Declaration (Introduction)

▶ (3) Sustainable Development Goals and targets

▶ (4) Means of implementation and the Global Partnership,

▶ (5) Follow-up and Review.

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Road to Agenda 2030

- ▶ Inclusive and wide consultation process: 89 national consultations and 11 thematic consultations online

- ▶ The Secretary-General's High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda

- ▶ Open Working Group on SDGs: March 14, 2013 to July 19, 2014, Consensus by acclamation of OWG report (SDGs)

- ▶ Post-2015 Intergovernmental negotiations: January 19 to August 2, 2015

- ▶ Official and unanimous adoption of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development on September 25, 2015 by UN General Assembly

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References to Persons with Disabilities

Persons with disabilities have 11 explicit references:

Declaration (Introduction)

- ▶ Human rights (para 19)
- ▶ Vulnerable groups (para 23)
- ▶ Education (para 25)

Sustainable Development Goals and targets

- ▶ education (Goal 4, Target 4.5, Means of implementation 4a)
- ▶ employment and decent work (Goal 8, Target 8.5)
- ▶ inequality (Goal 10, Target 10.2)
- ▶ cities and human settlements (Goal 11, Target 11.2 and 11.7)
- ▶ means of implementation /data disaggregation (Goal 17, Target 17.18)

Follow-up and review

- ▶ Data disaggregation (para 74,g)

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References to Persons with Disabilities

▶ Particularly strong is the paragraph on people who are vulnerable and must be empowered, which refers to "persons with disabilities (of whom more than 80% live in poverty)" (para 23), thereby putting persons with disabilities in the centre of poverty eradication throughout the Agenda.

▶ Persons with disabilities are also included wherever "vulnerable" is referenced (18 times) throughout the text, in line with paragraph 23.

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Vulnerable Groups

Additional goals where vulnerable groups are referenced include those on:

▶ Poverty (Goal 1, Targets 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5),

▶ Hunger (Goal 2, Target 2.1),

▶ Water and sanitation (Goal 6, Target 6.2), and again in

▶ Cities and Human Settlements (Goal 11, Target 11.5).

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Financing for Development

In the *Addis Ababa Action Agenda on the 3rd International Conference on Financing for Development*, disability concerns, 'persons with disabilities' and 'vulnerable groups' are referenced in:

- Two of the Cross-cutting areas
    - social protection and
    - employment and decent work;
- Two Action areas for International Development Cooperation
    - climate change challenges, and
    - education
- One Action area for Science, technology, innovation and capacity building
    - information and communication technology and infrastructure, including accessible technology
- Data, monitoring and follow-up
    - data disaggregation

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Agenda 2030 Themes

There are three overarching areas that are particularly beneficial to persons with disabilities:

▶ (1) The Agenda is fairly strong in human rights.

▶ (2) The framework is people-centered and focuses on participation.

▶ (3) The universal application of the goals and targets is clearly and strongly reflected.

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Agenda 2030 Gaps

There is a need for explicit references to persons with disabilities in the areas of:

▶ Health (para 26 and Goal 3)

▶ Gender (para 20, Goal 5 and target 5.2)

▶ WASH (Goal 6)

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Agenda 2030 Global Indicators

Currently there are 224 global SDG indicators proposed

Persons with disabilities and are included in four indicators:

▶ (1) Poverty Eradication Indicator 1.3.1

▶ (2) Employment Indicator 8.5.2

▶ (3) Education Indicator 4.5.1

▶ (4) Peaceful and Inclusive Societies Indicator 16.7.1.

Possible indicators that could include disability after consultation:

▶ (1) WASH Indicator 6.1.1

▶ (2) Inclusive Cities Indicator 11.7.1.

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Disaggregation of Data

The chapeau (introduction) of the final IAEG Report will have a statement on disaggregation of data, which includes disability.

"SDG indicators should be disaggregated where relevant by **income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability and geographic location, or other characteristics, in accordance with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics.**"

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Agenda 2030 Implementation

▶ High-Level Political Forum as a key platform for global follow-up and review of Agenda 2030

▶ Support persons with disabilities to engage with the Forum

▶ Provide a bridge from the global platform at the UN to local, national, and regional contexts

▶ Engage in regional and national indicators processes and link to global indicators

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From Awareness Raising to Accountability

▶ Obvious need to raise awareness about the agenda and relevance for persons with disabilities

▶ Increase capacity of DPOs to engage with the agenda

▶ Develop and coordinate mechanisms for data collection on implementation

▶ Promote and empower mutual accountability mechanism: coordination of reports between CRPD and HLPF

▶ Develop and coordinate mechanisms for accountability

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