

# The Inclusion Imperative

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## Introduction

### **The New Urban Agenda**

- Adopted in Quito, Ecuador at the Habitat III conference in October of 2016
- Collective Commitment to build inclusive and accessible cities, for the future



# Accessibility & Inclusion

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- *Accessibility: flexibility to accommodate each user's needs and preferences – in any place, space, item or service whether physical or digital – (also easily approached, reached, entered, exited, interacted with and understood)*
- *Inclusion: concept that all persons should be able to use the same facilities, take part in the same activities, and enjoy the same experiences,*
- How do these two concepts relate to each other?

# Inclusion and the New Urban Agenda (NUA)

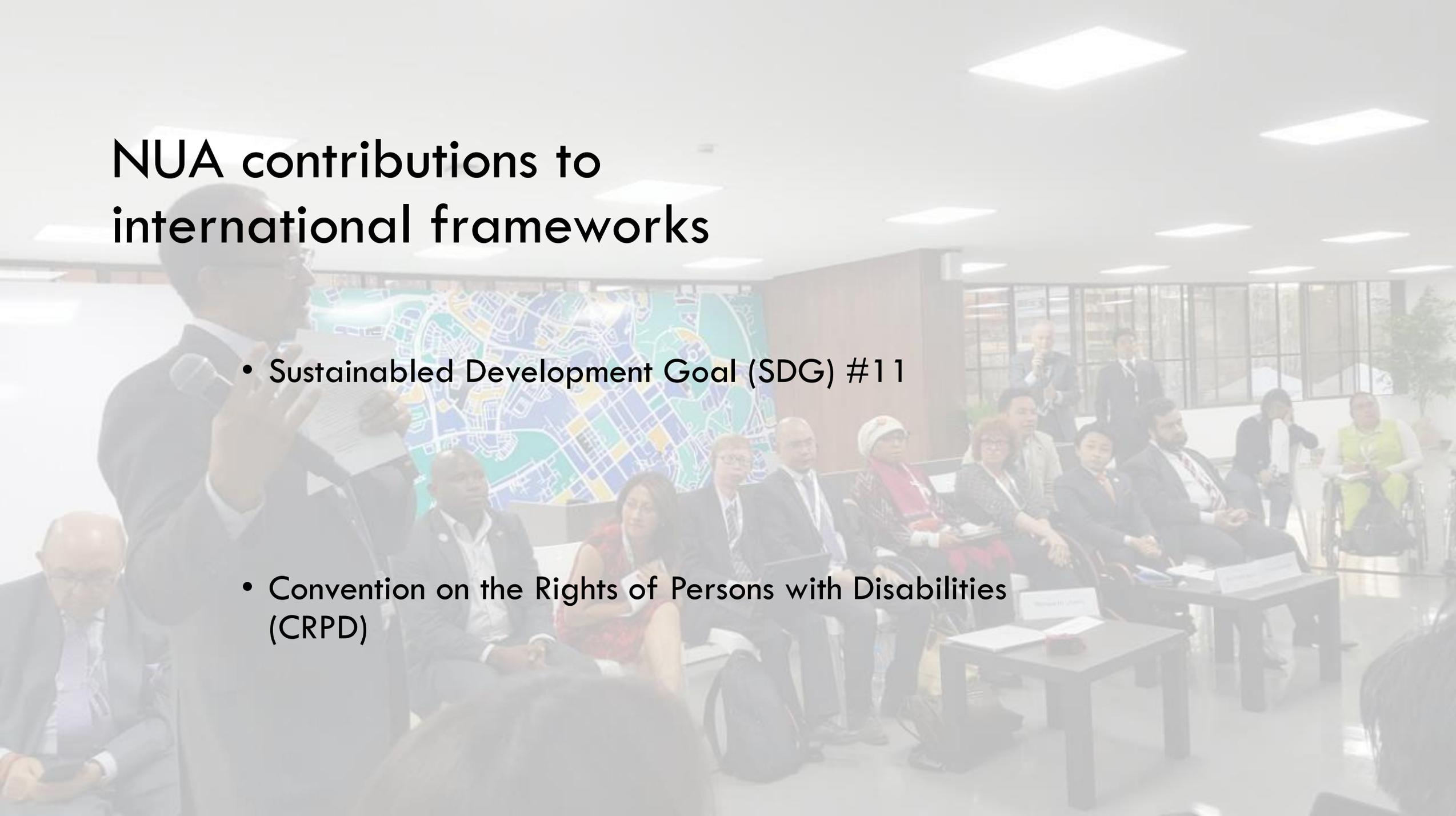
- The process in Quito was NOT inclusive in these ways
  - Major stakeholders were not engaged or invited to participate
  - Members states through Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Housing failed to mention disability in their reports leading up to H3
  - Government of Ecuador made public commitment to accessibility but failed to put in place audits of venues, information, programmatic, and communication services.

## The process in Quito WAS INCLUSIVE in these ways:

- Outcome: 15 references to disability
  - Stand Alone Paragraph
  - Explicit mention of Universal Design
- There was a concerted effort to include PWD in high-level panel and representation
- Why are accessibility and inclusion important in the NUA?
- Current promotion of accessibility and inclusion as integral human rights by international law.

# NUA contributions to international frameworks

- Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #11
- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)





# Implementation of the NUA

- How to implement the NUA in an inclusive manner
  - Unique role of DIAUD network

## Three basic questions:

1. Which actors should be involved?
2. What do each of them need to do?
3. How does the international community support implementation?

The way we  
design our cities is  
a reflection of the  
values we hold in  
society

