

Inputs for the report of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing

IDA and IDDC inputs focus on rights-based disability budgeting.

The context

1. There are more than 800 million people with disabilities living in low- and middle-income countries, and they often represent 15-20 per cent of the most vulnerable and marginalized poor in those countries;
2. There has been growing attention to the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the process leading to the post-2015 development agenda, including the Rio+20 Outcome Document, which clearly recognized the participation of persons with disabilities in the sustainable development agenda. They must not be left out.

Overall ask:

We strongly urge the Committee to put the **inclusion of people with disabilities in its upcoming report**. An effective financing strategy for the post-2015 agenda needs to be rights-based; it must therefore include people with disabilities in order to

1. reduce inequalities both within and between countries and contribute to sustainable growth and poverty reduction
2. make best use of resources to achieve sustainable development goals.

Specific asks:

It is necessary to:

1. Raise sufficient resources to finance high-quality essential services for all, including people with disabilities (and therefore ensure that a disability perspective is injected into budgeting);
2. Ensure that social protection measures are inclusive and accessible for persons with disabilities and their families. There should be a strong commitment to supporting national programmes in the creation of job opportunities for persons with disabilities. This would allow people with disabilities to participate in and actively contribute to national economies;
3. Ensure the rights to participation of people with disabilities in the design, implementation, financing and monitoring of fiscal policies. That means creating accessible participatory processes, including accessible information.

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