



Islamabad Recommendations on Community Based Inclusive Development

We, the representatives of persons with disabilities from Pakistan and other countries, disabled people’s organizations (DPOs) and other civil society organizations (CSOs), the Government of Pakistan, the United Nations agencies, international development agencies and the business sector, over 100 persons, participated in the Leadership Conference of Persons with Disabilities on Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) held on 20-22 November 2013, in Islamabad, Pakistan;

Noting that the majority of persons with disabilities are subject to social exclusion on a daily basis, which affects negatively their rights to access to equal opportunities;

Noting further that persons with disabilities have equal rights to a decent standard of living, economic independence and social acceptance as any other person in each community;

Recognizing the significance of the international and regional instruments such as the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), the Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Guidelines and the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real”, 2013-2022;

Believing in CBID which is essential for persons with disabilities to live independently with dignity and equality in each community;

Hereby unanimously recommend as follows:

1. Laws and policies on disability should be harmonized with the principles of CBID;
2. Development policies and programmes at all levels should be designed, implemented and monitored from the perspective of CBID;
3. The engagement of persons with disabilities in political participation at all levels should be enhanced;
4. Disability-specific data should be collected for a better planning and implementation of community services for persons with disabilities;
5. Persons with disabilities, particularly women with disabilities, persons with severe disabilities, children with disabilities and their families should be included in community activities;
6. Persons with disabilities should be equally and positively promoted by media; and
7. Networking and collaboration on CBID should be strengthened among DPOs and other CSOs, local community people, governments, the United Nations agencies, international development agencies, academic institutions, media and the business sector.

Presented and unanimously adopted
at the Leadership Conference on Community Based Inclusive Development
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