

## **Disability Statistics and Data:**

### ***Taking stock of the recent work of the Disability Data Initiative and looking ahead***

**Where:** Campus Biotech  
Chemin des Mines 9  
1202 Genève  
Geneva, Switzerland

**When:** Tuesday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1pm

**Who:** Advocates, policymakers and researchers will be invited from the Geneva area and nearby to attend in person. We expect about 30 persons on site. We will also invite international researchers, policy makers and advocates in the disability data and statistics field to attend remotely. We expect 20 to 30 persons to attend remotely.

Senior researchers from the DDI will be on site and contributing to the presentations of the workshop. They are Jill Hanass-Hancock and Bradley Carpenter (South Africa Medical Research Council, South Africa), Sophie Mitra (Fordham University, USA and principal investigator), GVS Murthy and Suresh Kamalakannan (Prasho Foundation, India), Monica Pinilla-Roncancio (Universidad de los Andes, Colombia), Douglas Teodoro (Université de Genève) and Minerva Rivas Velarde (Geneva School of Health Sciences) (lead organiser).

## **Background**

Disability statistics and data have become an important field of research across many disciplines, from economics, public health, sociology and statistics to disability studies. This field has faced methodological, data collection and analysis challenges that are important to solve given the importance of disability statistics and data for policy and advocacy.

Indeed, achieving rights for persons with disabilities as stipulated in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) requires quality, policy-relevant disability data that is:

- 1) collected and presented by disability status,
- 2) based on concepts that are in line with a human rights approach to disability, and
- 3) reflects the diversity of persons with disabilities and various aspects of their lives, including enablers, barriers, and use of assistive technology.

There is currently no international organisation or institution that produces global statistics on adults with disabilities in a consistent and systematic basis, and national statistics offices rarely disaggregate statistics by disability status.

Through cross-country, innovative and interdisciplinary research and dissemination initiatives, the Disability Data Initiative (DDI) has produced local, regional, and national statistics on the situation of persons with disabilities in countries around the world. DDI is an international partnership of investigators based in Europe, East Asia and the Pacific, Latin America, North America and South Asia.

The event will take stock of DDI's results on disability statistics and share them with and gather feedback from the local community.

### **Aims**

The aims of this workshop are

- 1/ to take stock of recent efforts of the Disability Data Initiative (DDI) to produce disability statistics and
- 2/ to develop new ideas, research priorities and perspectives for further research and dissemination in this field in collaboration with the advocacy, policy and research community.

### **Timetable**

**9 to 10 am:** Registration and breakfast

**10 to 11 am:** Thematic presentations and discussions on the Disability Statistics Database results. (5 min presentation on each topic, followed by 5 min feedback by a discussant, and 5 min Q&A)

- **Questionnaire review:** Speaker: Bradley Carpenter;
- **Employment:** Speaker: Jill Hanass-Hancock;
- **Health:** Speaker: GVS Murthy and Suresh Kamalakannan;
- **Poverty:** Speaker: Monica Pinilla-Roncancio;

**11:15 to 11:45:** the Disability Statistics Database: interaction with a prototype

Speakers: Bradley Carpenter/Douglas Teodoro

**12 to 1pm:** Developing research priorities in the disability data and statistics field

After taking stocks of the recent work of the Disability Data Initiative (DDI) to produce disability statistics, this session will focus on developing new ideas, research priorities and perspectives regarding disability-disaggregated statistics and disability data more broadly for research, monitoring and evidence-based policymaking.

Moderator: CRPD Committee.

Speaker: Johana Mafo: "Disability-related data in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: An analysis of the Committee's recommendations on Article 31 of the CRPD"

Speaker: Minerva Rivas Velarde: "Data governance emergent frameworks and international research cooperation"

Speaker: Sophie Mitra: "Opportunities to expand the Disability Statistics Database and to link it to other datasets"