



IDDC General Assembly Workshop 2017

Inclusive economic empowerment for youth with disabilities

Date and Venue: 10:30-16:30 on Thursday 11 May 2017, Hurdal (near Oslo), Norway

Objectives: To stimulate discussion, to understand the corresponding international legal and policy framework, and to share latest developments and good practices on economic empowerment of youth with disabilities. The workshop theme will span across various topics related to economic empowerment, including vocational training / skills development, work / employment, access to financial services, and social protection.

Draft Programme

10:00-10:30 Registration for GA Workshop

10:30-10:40 Welcome & Introduction to workshop theme

IDDC Board and IDDC GA 2017 co-hosts (Atlas Alliance, NAD and Plan Norway)

10:40-11:20 International Frameworks for Economic Empowerment of Youth with Disabilities – Overview of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities & Agenda 2030 & experiences of implementation

Speakers: Elizabeth Lockwood, CBM; Camilla Huggins Aase, Norwegian Association of Disabled (NAD); Moderated by Dom Haslam, Sightsavers

11:20-11:45 Decent Work for All – Experience from the field

Speaker: Edith Kagoya, Sightsavers Uganda; Moderated by Dom Haslam, Sightsavers

11:45-12:00 Coffee/Tea Break

12:00-13:00 Concurrent Sessions:

1. Skills Development & Social Protection – How can social protection and vocational training serve as a ladder to social and economic independence? This session will look at formal and informal vocational training in various forms, apprenticeships, and mainstream and targeted poverty alleviation programmes.

Facilitators: Francois Carbonez, Light for the World; Vigdis Halvorsen, Plan Norway

2. Self-Employment – What opportunities exist for income-generating activities and enterprises either as individuals or groups? This session will focus on income-generating supports, small enterprises and self-help groups for the individual, family and/or community.

Facilitators: Svein Brodtkorb, NAD; Monika Brenes, CBM

3. Wage Employment – How can wage employment most effectively accommodate persons with disabilities? This session will explore inclusive mainstream employment, supported employment, and sheltered employment and examine strategies for transitioning from segregated models to inclusive models.

Facilitators: Ola Abu Alghaib, Leonard Cheshire Disability; Gaetane Bleher, Handicap International

4. Financial Services – How can access to financial services open economic opportunities for persons with disabilities? This session will examine inclusive mainstream micro-finance, inclusive saving and credit groups, grant programmes and mainstream banking services.

Facilitators: Vanessa Herringshaw, ADD International; George Mukasa Mukisa, NAD Uganda

13:00-13:45 Lunch

13:45-14:15 Concurrent Sessions (continued)

14:15-15:30 Reporting Back from Concurrent Sessions

Facilitators of each of the concurrent sessions; Moderated by Bailey Grey, Sense International and Siri Luthen, Plan Norway

15:30-15:45 Coffee/Tea Break

15:45-16:15 Data and Statistics on Employment of Youth with Disabilities -

Findings from the Living Condition Studies in Southern Africa & Nepal, focusing on employment and economic empowerment of persons with disabilities

Speaker: Arne Eide, SINTEF Technology and Society; Moderated by Morten Eriksen, Atlas Alliance

16:15-16:30 Concluding Remarks

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Practical information

GA Workshop venue: the Workshop will take place at [Hurdal syn-og mestringscenter](#) (Address: Østsidevegen 101, 2090 Hurdal, Norway).

Preparation: Participants are welcome to bring examples from their own organisations and/or partner organisations of programmes on economic empowerment which can be shared informally during the concurrent sessions.