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Bridging the Gap II

Learning space

Social Protection of persons with
disabilities in development
cooperation

Workshop agenda

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C3 - Centre for International Development
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Objective

To share information about the project activities in Ethiopia with the Austrian cooperation stakeholders, the members of the project consortium and to interact with other relevant initiatives that can bring an added value to the country action and the mainstreaming of disability in Austria's international development cooperation.

Target groups

Members of the Austrian informal working group "Inclusion"

Austrian Development Agency's staff

Austrian Organisations of Persons with Disabilities and NGOs

Other national and international stakeholders of development cooperation

BtG-II's SC consortium members and observers

Agenda

09:30 – 09:45 **Workshop introduction**

Alessia Rogai ((IDDC, Knowledge Management Coordinator BtG-II)

Presentation of the workshop.

09:45 – 10:30 **The EU commitment to the inclusion of persons with disabilities in development cooperation**

Cécile Grosjean (European Commission DG DEVCO, International aid / Cooperation officer on social protection and disabilities)

Federico Martire (FIIAPP, Director Bridging the Gap II)

EC's DG DEVCO's initiatives for the inclusion of persons with disabilities

The European Initiative Bridging the Gap.

Presentation of European Project Bridging the Gap – Inclusive public policies and services for equal rights of persons with disabilities.





Coffee break
10:30 – 10:45

10:45 – 12:00 **Bridging the Gap II in Ethiopia: focus on social inclusion**

Pia Korpinen (Austrian Development Agency, Country Coordinator Bridging the Gap II)

Presentation of the project activities in Ethiopia, objectives, current challenges, contribution to disability mainstreaming, etc.

Q&A session with the audience and debate.

12:00 – 12:30 **The inclusion of persons with disabilities in development cooperation activities promoted by Austrian NGOs/DPOs**

Philipp Maier (Diakonie Austria)

Johanna Mang (Light for the World, Senior Advisor Advocacy and Partnership)

Presentation of relevant initiatives lead by Austrian NGOs/DPOs.

Lunch Break
12:30 – 13:30

13:30 – 14:00 **Towards more inclusive social policies in Africa**

Ola Abu Alghaib (Leonard Cheshire Centre - LCD and International Disability and Development Consortium - IDDC)

Richard Bwalya (University of Zambia)

Recent findings and debate around the development of inclusive social policies in Africa: building upon the research experiences of Leonard Cheshire Centre and potential practical application of the findings in international cooperation - Q&A session with the audience





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14:00 – 15:00 **Summing-up: Debating the different approaches to inclusive development and the commitment to CRPD implementation**

Session coordinated by Alessia Rogai (IDDC, Knowledge Management Coordinator BtG-II)

Summary of the main results of the workshop referring to the relevant initiatives presented during the workshop. In particular, relevance for BtG-II and Austrian Cooperation, BtG-II's Knowledge Management tools and Process Assessment.

END OF THE WORKSHOP



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Closing session – Debate with the audience (Summing-up: Debating the different approaches to inclusive development and the commitment to CRPD implementation)

How the different approaches to inclusive development presented today ensure the commitment to the CRPD?

Learning Objectives

The debate is aimed at enhancing the result of the previous workshop sessions, underpinning the knowledge and information generated, and enlarging the debate to different approaches and strategies to disability mainstreaming and promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities proposed by participants (mostly, Austrian development cooperation's stakeholders).

The session is set up to create an open forum in which virtually all the attendees generate contributions to the discussion and knowledge sharing, bringing multiple – yet potentially overlapping – perspectives on the same issues or topics. This session will also incline participants to networking and learn from their peers through sharing good practices and approaches.

Eventually, the workshop can produce a synthetic “debrief” note summarizing the outcomes of the discussions.

Debate rules

- The audience is divided into small units, no more than 6 participants each, meeting simultaneously. The purpose of the group is to react to three questions concerning the implementation of the CRPD. The time to respond is 20 minutes.
- Each group chooses a rapporteur and reports the outcomes of the discussion in a plenary session.





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- During the plenary session, participants discuss the different answers given to the questions and decide which one(s) was/were the most convincing in answering our fundamental question: **How can we ensure the mainstreaming of disability in international development cooperation?**

Our questions for the speakers and/or the audience:

1. What are the key elements to promote/ensure the full participation in our communities of every person with disability?
 - **Links to CRPD articles:** 9 – Accessibility, 19 - Living independently and being included in the community, 20 – Personal mobility, etc.
2. What should public policies must consider in order to achieve inclusive and equal society for persons with disabilities?
 - **Links to CRPD articles:** 5 – Equality and non-discrimination, 13 – Access to justice, 29 – full participation in political and public life, etc.
3. What are the main steps to undertake to eradicate poverty and poverty risk for persons with disability?
 - **Links to CRPD articles:** 27 – Work and employment, 28 – Adequate standard of living and social protection, etc.

