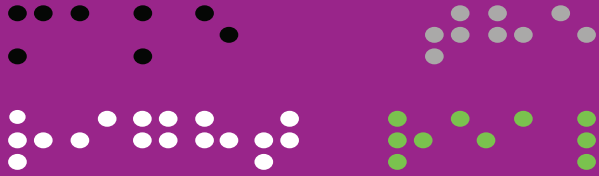


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What is “Make the Right Real”?

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) launched in October 2010 the “Make the Right Real” Campaign to accelerate the regional implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). Twenty of approximately 50 countries in the Asia-Pacific region have thus far ratified the Convention. The Campaign aims to promote more awareness and action on the Convention through collaboration among Governments, organizations of persons with disabilities and other stakeholders in advocacy, research and capacity-building activities.

SUMMARY REPORT

On 29 and 30 January 2011, over 160 persons participated in the Stakeholders' Meeting on Reviewing the Implementation of Second Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons (2003-2012) in Islamabad, Pakistan.

The meeting was jointly organized by the Directorate General of Special Education of the Ministry of Social Welfare and Special Education of Pakistan, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD), Sightsavers, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), South Asian Disability Forum (SADF) and Pakistan Disabled People's Organization (PDPO).

One big outcome of the Meeting was the Government of Pakistan sharing its commitment to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

After reviewing the achievement of the second Asia-Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons (2003-2012), the "Islamabad Recommendations to Make the Right Real" was adopted by participants.



Participants Launching the "Make the Right Real" Campaign Together



Welcome Address by Mr. Muhammad Atif Sheikh
(Chairperson, South Asian Disability Forum)



Keynote Speech by Mr. Donald Henry Clarke
(Chief, Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Section, ESCAP)



Inaugural Speech by Mr. Niaz Ullah Khan
(Country Director, Sightsavers)



Participants Supporting the Campaign

Stakeholders' Meeting Reviewing the Implementation of Second Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons (2003-2012) in Pakistan

PROGRAMME

29 January 2011

Objectives:

- To review activities from the perspectives of 2nd Asian and Pacific Decade: BMF, Biwako Plus Five, UNCRPD and MDGs
- To launch "Make the Right Real" campaign at the national level

Inaugural:

Facilitated by Master of Ceremonies

09:30-09:35	Recitation from the Holy Quran
09:35-09:40	Welcome Address by Mr. Muhammad Atif Sheikh (SADF)
09:40-09:50	"Make the Right Real" video
09:50-09:55	Keynote Speech by Mr. Donald Henry Clarke (ESCAP)
09:55-10:00	Inaugural Speech by Mr. Akiie Ninomiya (APCD)
10:00-10:05	Inaugural Speech by Mr. Katsuji Onoda (JICA)
10:05-10:10	Inaugural Speech by Mr. Niaz Ullah Khan (Sightsavers)
10:10-10:20	Launching the Campaign
10:20-10:30	Chief Guest by Mr. Prince Abbas Khan (DGSE)
10:30-10:50	Group Photo
10:50-11:20	Refreshments

Session 1: Review of Achievement (BMF, Biwako Plus Five, CRPD, MDGs) in the 2nd Decade in Asia and the Pacific

Facilitated by Mr. Khalid Naeem (DGSE)

11:20-11:35	Presentation by Ms. Aiko Akiyama (ESCAP)
11:35-11:50	Presentation by Mr. Akiie Ninomiya (APCD)

Facilitated by Mr. Ryuhei Sano (APCD)

12:00-13:00	Presentations: Mr. Mr. Ali Shabbar (STEP), Mr. Muhammad Akram (Danishkadah), Ms. Saima Aslam (Milestone) Mr. Abid Lashari (SDF), Mr. M. Mobin Uddin (Pakistan Disabled People's Organization), Mr. Amir Asharaf (Pakistan Association of the Blind)
13:00-13:30	Discussion (Q & A)
13:30-14:30	Lunch Break

Session 2: Review of Achievement (BMF, Biwako Plus Five, CRPD, MDGs) in the Second Decade in Asia and the Pacific

Facilitated by Ms. Aiko Akiyama, ESCAP

14:30-15:30	Panel Discussion: Mr. Muhammad Bilal (Sightsavers), Mr. Naoto Ikeda (JICA), Dr. Muhammad Shahnawaz Munami (Comprehensive Health & Education Forum), Mr. Kamran Akbar (PPAF), Ms. Palwasha Sherin Khan (Telenor)
Session 3: Prospect towards the New Decade (2013-2022)	
Facilitated by Ms. Duangnarumol Dokruk (APCD)	
15:30-16:40	Panel Discussion: Mr. Muhammad Jawwad Afzal (DGSE), Mr. Donald Henry Clarke (ESCAP), Mr. Muhammad Atif Sheikh (SADF), Ms. Abia Akram (NFWWD)
16:40-17:00	Discussion (Q&A)

30 January 2011

Objectives:	
- To introduce the new CBR Guidelines at the national level	
Session 4: Review of ILO Policy on Employment Opportunities in Pakistan	
Facilitated by Mr. Muhammad Bilal (Sightsavers)	
09:00-10:00	Presentation: Mr. Imran Nazir Rana (Leonard Cheshire Disability), Mr. Zayed Manzar (DGSE), Mr. Abid Lashari (SDF)
10:00-10:30	Discussion (Q&A)
10:30-11:00	Refreshments
Session 5: Review of CBR Movement in the Second Decade in Pakistan	
Facilitated by Mr. Akiie Ninomiya (APCD), Mr. Ghulam Nabi Nizamani (CBR AP Network)	
11:00-12:30	Presentation by Dr. Maryam Mallick (World Health Organization), Mr. Ahsan Ullal (Special Person Development Association), Mr. Shafiq ur Rehman (Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal), Mr. Ghulam Nizamani (CBR Asia-Pacific Network), Ms. Abia Akram (HI), Dr. Muhammad Shahnawaz Munami (CHEF), Ms. Madiha Ehsan (Civil Society Human and Institutional Development Programme), Mr. Muhammad Bilal (Sightsavers)
12:30-13:00	Discussion (Q&A)
13:00-14:00	Lunch
Session 6: Introducing of the New CBR Guidelines	
14:00-14:20	By All Participants
Session 7: Closing	
14:20-15:00	Adoption of Islamabad Recommendation/Photo



ISLAMABAD RECOMMENDATIONS TO MAKE THE RIGHT REAL

We, the representatives of disabled people's organizations (DPOs), domestic and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the Government of Pakistan and the United Nations agencies, in total 160 persons, participated in the Stakeholders' Meeting on Reviewing the Implementation of Second Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons (2003-2012), from 29 to 30 January 2011 in Islamabad, Pakistan.

We thank the organizers, the Directorate General of Special Education of the Ministry of Social Welfare and Special Education of Pakistan, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD), Sightsavers, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), South Asian Disability Forum (SADF) and Pakistan Disabled People's Organization (PDPO) for their successful arrangement of the Meeting.

Recognizing the significance of all international and regional documents on disability, in particular, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (BMF) and the Biwako Plus Five, the supplement to the BMF;

Welcoming the ratification of the CPRD by the Government of Pakistan and their efforts, together with civil society organizations, in promoting rights of persons with disabilities, disability-inclusive development and implementing the BMF and the Biwako Plus Five;

Acknowledging the Regional Training Seminar on Capacity Building for Self-help Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (CBSHOD) in Pakistan organized by the Government of Pakistan and APCD in collaboration with JICA from 22 to 26 September 2005, which strengthened DPOs and accelerated disability rights movement in Pakistan;

Building upon the Islamabad Recommendations on Regional Networking and Collaboration in South Asia adopted in the Regional Leadership Conference for Persons with Disabilities in South Asia organized by the Ministry of Social Welfare and Special Education of Pakistan, Special Talent Exchange Program, Sightsavers, APCD, British Council and Telenor Pakistan from 31 July to 2 August, 2010;



Recalling that the Asia-Pacific Community-based Rehabilitation (CBR) Congress held in Thailand from 18 to 20 February 2009 which established the CBR Asia-Pacific Network, and the Asia-Pacific CBR Convention held in Malaysia from 13 to 15 November 2010 which launched the new CBR Guidelines in the region;

Mindful that, despite significant achievements during the two decades, there still remains challenges to realizing the rights of persons with disabilities in this region, and particularly in Pakistan. These challenges include lack of awareness in society on disability and development; the need for stronger multi-sectoral coordination and partnerships; lack of recognition of the diverse rights of persons with disabilities; particular issues facing women with disabilities, indigenous persons with disabilities, persons with disabilities living in remote and rural areas and persons with severe disabilities;

Emphasizing the need to harmonize laws and policies concerning disability with the international obligations under the CRPD; the need for improved disability data collection and research, prioritization of disability in development plans and budget allocations at all levels, ensuring independent living in communities supported by adequate resources and financial support to DPOs;

Appreciating and reaffirming the significance of the partnership built amongst multi-stakeholders in supporting an idea on a new disability decade and the "Make the Right Real" campaign as well as acknowledging the preparatory process leading up to the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012;

Recognizing that mainstreaming disability perspectives in sub-regional mechanisms is key means for advancing rights of persons with disabilities;

Further recognizing the central role of persons with disabilities in decision-making and the need to further develop the capacity of persons with disabilities to participate meaningfully in this process;



Hereby unanimously recommend as follows:

1. The Government of Pakistan, DPOs and major stakeholders lead the implementation of the “Make the Right Real” campaign in Pakistan towards the end of 2012, with a focus on concrete and measurable outcomes by then to be reported in the Incheon High-level Intergovernmental Meeting;
2. DPOs are provided every opportunity to play a pivotal role in the efforts mentioned above at all stages. In this context, every effort to be made to ensure that grassroots DPOs, especially those in remote areas, are fully involved in the design and implementation of the “Make the Right Real” campaign, including ensuring full access to information in local and sign languages, and in other accessible format;
3. The Government of Pakistan, in close collaboration with DPOs, other NGOs, UN agencies in Pakistan and international partners such as APCD and ESCAP, harmonize domestic legislation with the CRPD through multiple actions including legislative review;
4. The Government of Pakistan and stakeholders support the launching of a new Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2013-2022), which aims at the accelerated implementation of the CRPD in an inclusive way with a particular focus on the leadership development of persons with disabilities, institutional strengthening of their representative organizations, community-based inclusive development in accordance with the new CBR Guidelines and inclusive business development;
5. Gender perspectives are mainstreamed in the implementation of the “Make the Right Real” campaign and a new decade.
6. Networking and collaboration among stakeholders such as government, DPOs, community-based organizations and international partners including the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) are strengthened for the effective implementation of the new CBR Guidelines;
7. The Government of Pakistan, DPOs and other stakeholders in Pakistan continue to partner with ESCAP and APCD to further regional cooperation in advancing the rights of persons with disabilities.



Speakers in the Session



Sharing CRPD in Urdu



Together with Deaf Participants



Facilitators in the Session



Signing on the MtRR Pledge Board

MEDIA COVERAGE

Meeting on 'Decade of Disabled Persons' held

Our correspondent
Islamabad

As part of a campaign to promote the implementation of Second Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, a two-day meeting was held here to ensure that all stakeholders play their due role for this purpose.

The meeting was jointly organised by the Ministry of Special Education, ESCAP, APCD, Sightsavers, JICA, SADF and PDPO. Representatives of the United Nations and foreign civil society organisations shared their views with the participants over role of dis-

abled persons for progress and prosperity of their respective countries.

The participants welcomed the ratification of CPRD by the Government of Pakistan and its efforts together with civil society organisations to promote rights of persons with disabilities in the society. They showed their full support to launch Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities that aims at the accelerated implementation of the CPRD in an inclusive way with a particular focus on the leadership development and institutional strengthening of community based organisations.

They said the joint efforts of stakeholders concerning disability resulted in a big achievement and at the moment there are 147 signatories and 97 ratifications of the CRPD that marks a paradigm shift in attitudes and approaches to persons with disabilities.

Those who participated and shared their views during the meeting included Akiie Nino Miya, chief executive of Asia Pacific Centre of Disability, Atif Shaikh, president of South Asian Disability Forum, Dr. Shahnawaz from CHEF International and Prince Abbas, director general of Special Education.

Islamabad Dateline, 30 January 2011

Call for uniform approach to help the physically-challenged

■ HAMID HUSSAIN

ISLAMABAD — The local and international stakeholders working for the rights of physical-challenged persons Saturday announced the implementation of Third Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons starting from 2013-2022 as Pakistan ratified the UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) on January 26.

The announcement was made at a seminar titled "Stakeholders Meeting on Reviewing the Implementation of Second Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons (2003-2013)" held to launch Make the Right Real campaign for disabled persons.

The meeting was organised by the Special Talent Exchange Programme (STEP) in collaboration with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for South Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Asia-Pacific Development Center on Dis-

ability (APCD) and other local and international stakeholders at a local hotel.

On this occasion, Director General Special Education, Prince Abbas Khan said "The federal cabinet has ratified the UNCRPD which is a great achievement for the rights of people with disabilities".

He said government and private sectors have planned to provide full support to the disabled people.

He said around 600 educational institutions have been established by public and private sectors for these people. He said there is dire need for early detection of disabilities to treat them at early stage.

Answering a question, the director general told *Islamabad Dateline* that devolution of the Ministry of Social Welfare and Special Education to the provinces would not affect the ministry's performance.

He said it is only a matter of transfer of powers to provinces which would be responsible to oversee the social welfare affairs after devolution.

A representative of UNESCAP, Don Clarke said the launch of Make the Right Real is a historic moment and would yield fruitful results for people with disabilities in the country. He said growing awareness in Pakistan for the rights of people with disabilities is remarkable.

He went on to add that achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) is not possible without the provision of basic rights to the physically-challenged people. He urged the government and the people to make concrete efforts for solving their problems.

Replying to a question, Clarke said "There are good developments made by the government for special people in Pakistan as the country is going steadily towards providing facilities to them."

Executive Director, APCD, Akiie Ninomiya said "I have worked in different cities and I am really inspired from the enthusiasm of people with disabilities and also those running the Disabled People's

Organisation (DPOs)."

He said uniting these organisations is imperative to strengthen and bolster their energies and utilise them for the well-being of disabled people. He said Pakistan has made progress and all public and private organisations are working in coordination.

"In Karachi, I have seen around 30 organisations working for people with disabilities and they are really making a difference but they lack coordination," he added. He said unification of these organisations could bring significant results.

They said there is dire need for promoting an inclusive, barrier-free and rights-based society for people with disabilities in the Asia and Pacific regions in this century.

Other stakeholders participated in the event included the Japan International Cooperation Agency, South Asian Disability Forum, Handicap International, Comprehensive Health and Education, Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund and Sightsavers.

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Pakistan Television, 30 January 2011
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TEOP-cimneo>

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