



Second Asia-Pacific CBR Congress
November 29 – December 1, 2011, Manila, Philippines
CBR: Building Communities for Everyone
Mainstreaming Disability in Development Agenda



Manila Recommendations

We, the representatives of organizations of persons with disabilities, Community-based Rehabilitation (CBR) practitioners, domestic and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and government officials, development agencies, donors and the business sector from 65 countries in the Asia-Pacific region and the rest of the world, in total 628 delegates, including volunteers, participated in the second Asia-Pacific CBR Congress, from November 29 to December 1, 2011 in Manila, the Philippines.

The President H.E. Benigno S. Aquino III graced the Congress with his presence and delivered the keynote address. It is our honor that Mr. Shuaib Chalklen, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Disability, participated in the Congress.

We sincerely thank the organizers, the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) of the Philippines and the CBR Asia-Pacific Network in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) of the Philippines, with the support of the World Health Organization (WHO), the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD), CBM South East Asia & Pacific Region, other CBR related organizations and the people of the Philippines for their warm hospitality and support which led to the success of the Congress.

Through the 3-day intensive discussion, the following perspectives were shared collectively:

1. Key outcomes of Community-based Inclusive Development initiatives are to empower community people, especially persons with disabilities. It is the most effective approach for CBR national networks and other CBR stakeholders in the Asia-Pacific region to implement Community-based Inclusive Development approach in accordance with the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).
2. All CBR stakeholders are encouraged to work on evidence-based documentation on not only major CBR related topics and practices but also emerging issues especially disaster preparedness and response through multi-stakeholders' collaboration.
3. Sub-regional aspects are emphasized, taking into consideration that more than 60% of the world population is within the Asia-Pacific region, in addition to diverse cultural backgrounds and huge geographical areas. It is our pleasure to have a lot of delegates from the Pacific.
4. The CBR African Network, the CBR Americas Network, the International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC) and the participants from the other regions were welcomed for being with us in the Asia-Pacific region and sharing different regional points of view to develop global initiatives such as the CBR Global Network.

In this connection, the following recommendations are made through all sessions:

1. The MDGs and the CBR Guidelines including the CBR Matrix are reviewed by 2015 to mainstream disability from the perspective of Community-based Inclusive Development.
2. The gender perspective is considered in all CBR activities.



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3. Networking and collaboration on CBR is strengthened to build communities for persons with disabilities, their family members and other community partners. Hence, CBR related trainings, monitoring, evaluation and mentoring, especially for the development of human resources with disabilities, need to be available.
4. The United Nations agencies and international development agencies including donors are encouraged to support CBR activities.
5. The importance of exchanging information about good practices is more recognized. Thus it is necessary for all CBR stakeholders to enhance knowledge management activities for the promotion of Community-based Inclusive Development.
6. In collaboration with the newly elected Executive Committee members of the CBR Asia-Pacific Network, Japan is endorsed as the host country of the third Asia-Pacific CBR Congress in 2015.
7. Sub-regional mechanisms are focused by the CBR Asia-Pacific Network to strengthen CBR which would promote Community-based Inclusive Development in the Asia-Pacific region.
8. The preparation of the first CBR World Congress to be held in Agra, India on November 26-28, 2012 is to be supported.
9. The CBR Asia-Pacific Network takes a leadership role for the development of the CBR Global Network, given that the biggest population is within the Asia-Pacific region.

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