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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

International Disability Alliance (IDA) is an alliance of networks. It was established in 1999 as a network of global and, since 2007, regional organisations of persons with disabilities (DPOs) and their families. IDA brings together over 1,100 organisations of persons with disabilities and their families from across eight global and six regional networks. Together it promotes the rights of persons with disabilities across the United Nations' efforts to advance human rights and sustainable development. It supports organisations of persons with disabilities to hold their governments to account and advocate for change locally, nationally and internationally. With member organisations around the world, IDA represents the estimated one billion people worldwide living with disabilities. IDA's mission is to advance the human rights of persons with disabilities as a united voice of organizations of persons with disabilities utilizing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and other human rights instruments.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- People with disabilities
- Advocacy initiatives and training
- Inclusion in humanitarian aid

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

IDA works across the United Nations to make sure its human rights and sustainable development processes uphold the highest standards of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities - the CRPD. It also supports the UN General Assembly, UN Secretariat and UN agencies—such as UNICEF, the World Bank and the World Health Organisation—to help ensure that the human rights of all persons with disabilities are an integral part of their work.

Bridge CRPD-SDGs is an intensive training programme that aims to support organisations of persons with disabilities and disability rights advocates to develop an inclusive and comprehensive CRPD perspective on development, including the SDGs, to reinforce their advocacy for inclusion and realisation of rights of persons with disabilities. IDA Members work in over 200 countries and territories across the world to harness international human rights and sustainable development frameworks for their national, regional and global advocacy work.

The Global Action on Disability (GLAD) Network is a coordination body of bilateral and multilateral donors and agencies, the private sector and foundations working to enhance the inclusion of persons with disabilities in international development and humanitarian action. Inclusive humanitarian action and disaster risk reduction requires the full inclusion and meaningful participation of persons with disabilities and their representative organizations in needs assessments, design, implementation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of humanitarian and disaster preparedness.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

The International Disability Alliance is governed by its full members and through the IDA Board, which is made up of representatives from each of its full members. All IDA members are organizations majority-led by and composed of persons with disabilities and their families. The Alliance's day-to-day activities are carried out by the IDA Secretariat, based in Geneva and New York. Current chair is Ana Lucia Arellano. IDA member organisations are all represented in the Annual Meeting of the General Assembly by one delegate, with each member organization having one vote.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

IDA operating income has been more than CHF 2.350.000 in 2016, with a projected rise. IDA is funded through private and public donors.

PUBLICATIONS

Publications are available at <http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/resources>

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