

Being a person

Disability in the World: Rights, Inclusion and Rehabilitation

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The 2030 Agenda is an ambitious roadmap which seeks to build partnerships and sustainably ensure the development of all peoples and countries, leaving no one behind. This cannot be achieved without the delivery of human rights as part and parcel of the SDGs. The human rights based approach calls for non-discrimination, participation and accountability and it is only by keeping people and their rights at the heart of the SDGs that it will be meaningful and therefore effective in their promise.

Persons with disabilities are amongst the furthest left behind and the SDGs call for reaching out to them first. The human rights based approach to disability should infuse all actions taken to accelerate their inclusion and participation and ensure their exercise of rights across all goals and targets. The principles and provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) are thus essential to apply and leverage the SDGs for persons with disabilities, in all their diversity, including women, girls and boys, older persons, indigenous persons, LGBTQI persons, migrants with disabilities, as well as those belonging to specific impairment groups such as persons with intellectual disabilities, persons with psychosocial disabilities, deafblind persons, autistic persons, including all their multiple and intersecting identities.

In order to ensure implementation of the SDGs guided by the CRPD, OHCHR has joined forces with the EU in the Bridging the Gap project to develop tools to facilitate this process, including human rights indicators for the CRPD, guidelines for policymakers on SDGs implementation informed by the CRPD and a guidance on data sources to populate the indicators and effectively measure progress in efforts to uphold the rights of persons with disabilities, and assess how they are faring with respect to the rest of society.