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## UNITED NATIONS WORKSHOP ON DISABILITY STATISTICS FOR AFRICA

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### **Introduction**

1. The United Nations Workshop on Disability Statistics for Africa was organized and sponsored by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and co-hosted by the Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) and the Population Secretariat of Uganda (Popsec). It was held in Kampala, Uganda, from 10 to 14 September 2001.

2. The Workshop was attended by representatives of national statistical offices and government ministries responsible for making policies on disability matters. Participants came from 11 countries, namely, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. There were also participants from the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR). A team of experts from the World Health Organization, the Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention of U.S.A., SINTEF-Norway, Japan College of Social Work, and UNSD conducted the Workshop.

3. The following remarks were made by the officiating Uganda government officials at the opening and closing ceremonies. The idea of bringing together users and producers of disability statistics from the different countries was commended as it enabled the exchange of experiences between the participating countries. The involvement of as many stakeholders in the planning process as possible, especially the end users of consumers of the planned outcomes was viewed as not only logical, but also ethical and strategic. The importance of reliable data on disability was also stressed, as this is the only way Government can come up with any meaningful programmes for persons with disabilities. Lack of reliable data was identified as a critical bottleneck to effective planning and development, particularly in the area of disability. This problem has led to many African countries basing their plans for persons with disabilities on estimates and projections from “elite world bodies”. Furthermore, it was pointed out that mainstreaming of disability issues cannot be based on vague, obsolete and unreliable information. The need to have key concepts clearly defined and the right instruments for data collection were stressed.

### **Objectives of the workshop**

4. The overall objective of the Workshop was to strengthen national capabilities to produce, disseminate and use data on disability for policy development and implementation. To achieve this objective, the Workshop brought together producers and users of disability statistics to promote understanding of data collection issues and how to specify the required data for policy formulation. The specific objectives of the Workshop were to:

1. Initiate a dialogue between producers and users of disability statistics in the countries and the region;

2. Enable the exchange of information and experiences of the participating countries and/or organizations;
3. Review methodologies and instruments used in other countries to measure disability;
4. Discuss the use of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) as the conceptual framework for collecting and classifying data on disability;
5. Provide guidance on planning for the collection and utilization of policy relevant data on persons with disabilities.

### **Expected outputs**

5. Participants from national statistical offices and data users from relevant government ministries were trained in how to identify disability data needs and also in the use of the ICF concepts and definitions in the design of questions on disability and classification of the data, as well as on special issues of questionnaire design related to disability data collection. The training also included issues related to data comparability and use of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) as a unifying conceptual framework for collecting and classifying disability data. Furthermore, the workshop provided an opportunity to share national experiences in this field. The data producers, who for the most part were from the national statistical offices, and the data users from ministries responsible for formulating policy on disability matters, were trained on how to communicate their needs to each other.

6. Participants were required to prepare country reports in order to gain some insights into the problems and concerns with respect to measurement of disability in their countries and to facilitate the exchange of views with other participants.

7. The outcome of the Workshop is a set of recommendations on future work to improve the measurement of disability in the African region. The recommendations were developed by the workshop participants, who are expected to form the nucleus of a network of experts in the region.

### **Workshop programme**

8. The topics for the workshop included:
  1. A report on the African Decade of Disabled Persons, 2000-2009;
  2. Disability statistics in the African region;
  3. The International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) framework, concepts and definitions and its use in data collection;
  4. Identifying users' needs and dialogue among users and producers of disability data;

5. Experience of the Asia and Pacific Decade of Disabled persons 1993-2002;
  6. Design of instruments to measure disability;
  7. Special issues in interviewing persons with disabilities; and
  8. Special topics on disability (women, refugees, HIV-AIDS).
9. The main documentation for the workshop comprised:
1. *Guidelines and Principles for the Development of Disability Statistics*;
  2. *International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF)*;
  3. *The Development of Disability Filter Questions: Qualitative testing at Statistics Canada*;
  4. *Survey Measurement of Disability: A Review of International Activities and Recommendations*;
  5. *International Standard, ISO 9999, Technical Aids for Disabled Persons: Classification, 1<sup>st</sup> ed.*
10. Workshop reference materials:
1. *Integrated National Disability Strategy*, white paper (South Africa);
  2. *Survey Measurement of Work Disability: Summary of Workshop* (Nancy Mathiowetz and Gooloo S. Wunderlich, eds.). National Academy Press.

### **Summary of presentations and discussions**

11. The workshop was structured into plenary and group sessions. During plenary sessions, topics were introduced by facilitators and sometimes by participating countries. During group sessions, participants had an opportunity to apply what had been introduced during the plenary session presentations and discussions. The workshop provided an opportunity for the exchange of experience among participants and also for creativity, during group sessions, in the application of methods introduced at the workshop. The presentation and discussion of group session reports at the plenary sessions was a very exiting moment for participants as they took charge of presenting the topics at hand.
12. The presentation on disability statistics in the African region related the type of questions used in terms of their clarity and comprehensiveness to the prevalence rates obtained. In addition, the African studies were compared to those from other regions of the world in terms of questions used and their related rates of disability prevalence. The following issues were raised in this presentation and also in the one on the African Decade of Disabled Persons:
- (i) In general, lack of accurate statistics on disability continues to obscure the situation pertaining to disability and the magnitude of the problem as

well as the required intervention strategies. Lack of relevant, accurate and useful statistics affects the ability of many countries in Africa to plan programmes for persons with disabilities.

- (ii) With regard to the African Decade of Disabled Persons, attention was drawn to the pivotal role of the United Nations Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities in disability data and of the critical role persons with disabilities should play in the process of disability measurement and data collection.
- (iii) From the perspective of the data producers:
  - a. Definitions and concepts need to be standardized;
  - b. Cultural norms, level of education, suspicions about giving information and lack of sensitisation affect reporting of disability;
  - c. There is a lack of resources to carry out large scale sample surveys that include disability;
  - d. There is insufficient demand for data on disability from data users.
- (iv) From the perspective of the data users:

Governments in the regions should have a national policy on disability and disability issues should be mainstreamed in national programmes. With regard to programme planning, the data collected are usually:

  - a. Inadequate;
  - b. Outdated;
  - c. Limited to presentations of persons with disabilities, without showing their socio-economic characteristics;
  - d. Poorly packaged for dissemination (this is an issue that may hinder use of the disability data and information in the region).

13. In light of the African Decade of Disabled Persons, a review of the experience of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons (1993-2002) and of disability data in the ESCAP region was provided. The presentation included a discussion of the Decade's aims, agenda and target areas based on the *World Programme of Action Concerning Disabled Persons*, and of progress made in the implementation of the Asian Decade.

14. Participants were introduced to the WHO *International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF)* as a conceptual framework for disability measurement and to its potential for application in data collection. These sessions drew attention to the low rates of disability prevalence in African studies and indicated how the use of the ICF framework in the development of questions, might provide a much broader definition of the population being identified as having disabilities. In the group sessions, participants developed questions to identify persons with disabilities, based on the ICF framework. In the development of the questions, special attention was paid to the use to which the data would be put as a guide to what component of the ICF to include in the measurement. The questions developed by the participants, were used in group sessions to conduct live interviews on persons with various types of impairments. The live

interviews provided the participants with a real life situation on how to interact with persons with disabilities in an interview, and also on how the interviewees interpreted and responded to the questions. The participants also had an opportunity to put into practice what they had learnt regarding (i) formulating questions that are ICF-based and that do not include offensive terms, and (ii) special issues of interviewing persons with disabilities.

15. The constraints of the data collection system were discussed in the context of disability measurement. In the process of converting policy objectives into measurement instruments the issue of how to link definitions to questions was discussed. In this context, it was noted that although countries sometimes broadly define persons with disabilities using ICF concepts and domains, the instruments used to identify the population with disabilities do not identify people according to the broad definition. This is attributed to the fact that in many studies, the questions asked focus only on severe types of impairments. Disability is a complex dimension that involves individual attributes, environment, and time. To measure this complexity, multiple questions to set context, clarify terminology, and define multiple domains are required. Also, considering that disability is a continuum, it is important that the instruments used be able to capture, as much as possible, the different points on this continuum. Often, however, resource constraints as well as space limitations on the questionnaire do not allow for very detailed and sophisticated questions. This results in only short questions being used to collect data on disability, and this affects the system's ability to meet the needs of data users. Other issues that limit the amount and quality of the data produced include the extensive use of proxy respondents, non-coverage of the institutionalized population, and lack of intensive enumerator training on disability. These issues are particularly relevant when disability data are collected through a census or a non-disability survey.

16. In many societies, there are socio-cultural pressures to underreport disability. Respondents are reluctant to admit the presence of persons with disabilities in the household and interviewers tend not to ask about disability unless a person with a very severe kind of disability is seen during the interview. Changing the social perception of disability is a long-term objective of social programmes.

17. During the discussion on question design, the importance of testing questions to ensure that they measure the concepts they are supposed to measure (*validity-accuracy*) and that repeated measurements of the same instruments give the same results (*reliability-precision*) was stressed. Qualitative and quantitative testing of questions was discussed and examples were presented.

18. One of the workshop objectives was to initiate a dialogue between producers and users of disability statistics and provide guidance on planning for the collection and utilization of policy relevant data on persons with disabilities. In this connection, presentations were made on how to identify the needs of data users and on the constraints

of the data collection system on meeting the needs of stakeholders. These presentations drew heavily on the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and the Integrated National Disability Strategy paper from South Africa. The accompanying group exercise offered participants an opportunity of having the users and producers of disability data, work together to identify priority disability policy areas. To make it more relevant, participants identified factors that most influenced disability policies, as well as disability policy areas currently addressed or under review, in their countries. The exercises focused on setting policy priorities using the *Standard Rules*, and then translating the elements into disability items for use in surveys.

19. The need to involve all the stakeholders in the process of developing instruments to measure disability was widely discussed. In this context, the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the user/producer dialogue, from policy identification to item development to methods of collecting the data was stressed. It was also suggested that United Nations workshops on disability statistics should include organizations of persons with disabilities to discuss issues that concern the persons they represent.

20. The workshop also included presentations on the importance of collecting data on disability on disadvantaged population groups using women and refugees as examples. Both women and refugees tend to be disadvantaged in many societies and their disadvantaged position is made worse when they also have a disability. Collecting policy relevant data on these and other special population groups, including children and persons living with HIV/AIDS, would provide policy makers with the data necessary to formulate policy and develop programmes aimed at addressing the needs of the persons concerned and ultimately improving their lives.

### **Workshop recommendations**

1. For the majority of the countries in the region, the census is the only source of information on the number of persons with disabilities and on the types of their disabilities. Countries are, therefore, encouraged to allocate funds for the inclusion of disability question in population and housing censuses as well as in surveys.
2. There is a need to involve stakeholders in the process of developing data collection instruments to measure disability and in various activities in the planning process to collect, tabulate and dissemination data on disability. Stakeholders include government institutions responsible for policy formulation and implementation on disability matters, producers of the data, persons with disabilities, disability non-governmental organizations, as well as researchers. The participation and inclusion of persons with disabilities in the user/producer dialogue is highly recommended.



3. The WHO International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) concepts should be used in the measurement of disability. This would encourage the use of common definitions and neutral terminology and would improve data comparability in the region. Training on the use of basic ICF concepts for statistics should be supported.
4. The following principles should apply in the design of questions to identify persons with disabilities:
  - (i) The questions should refer to activity limitations;
  - (ii) The questions should ask for activity limitations in the context of a health condition;
  - (iii) The questions should ask for type of activity limitation;
  - (iv) The questions should allow the respondent to classify his/her degree or severity of activity limitation. Instead of response categories that include only yes/no options, response scale should be designed to include several response options, such as, none/a little/a lot; Yes, sometimes/Yes, often/No);
  - (v) The questions should include a time reference to distinguish between long-term and short-term limitations.
5. In light of the African Decade of Disabled Persons, there is need to strengthen and streamline the collection of data on disability into the general data collection system. Data collection should be aimed at the implementation of an identified policy concern. The UNSD and the United Nations Division for Social Policy and Development should provide guidance towards the realization of the objectives of the African Decade of Disabled Persons and of the Workshop.
6. Countries should maintain a network of persons involved in the measurement of disability in the region to facilitate the exchange of information on methodologies used and results obtained. In this regard, the UNSD should act as a facilitator.
7. Regional statistical institutions should take an active role in the implementation of objectives of the African Decade of Disabled Persons by fostering the networking of countries and experts in disability measurement in the region, with a view to improving methods of collecting disability data in the African region.
8. Awareness sessions about persons with disabilities should be included at workshops on disability statistics. Topics on awareness could include such issues as the portrayal and treatment of persons with disabilities, their rights, needs, potential, and obligations.

## Workshop Agenda

### Monday, 10 September 2001

- 8:00-9:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:00-10:00 a.m. Opening of the workshop
- 10:00-10:30 a.m. Break
- Morning Session (10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)**
- 10:30-11:00 a.m. A report on the African Decade of Disabled Persons, 2000-2009  
*Hon. Alex Ndeezi, 00 Uganda*
- 11:00-11:30 a.m. **Chair: Egypt**  
Disability statistics in the African region, a comparison with other regions of the World  
*Margaret Mbogoni, United Nations Statistics Division*
- 11:30-12:00 a.m. Country presentation: *Kenya*  
Methods used: *Fredrick Otieno Okwayo, Central Bureau of Statistics*  
Adequacy of the data for policy planning: *Josephine Muriuki, Ministry of Home Affairs, Heritage and Sports*
- 12:00-12:30 p.m. Discussion
- 12:30-2:00 p.m. Lunch break
- Afternoon Session (2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.)**
- 2:00-4:00 p.m. **Chair: Namibia**  
The International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) as a framework for disability measurement  
*Margie Schneider, World Health Organization*
- 4:00-4:30 p.m. Break
- 4:30-6:00 p.m. The International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) as a framework for disability measurement (continued)  
*Margie Schneider, World Health Organization*

Tuesday, 11 September 2001

**Morning Session (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)**

8:30-10:30 a.m. **Chair: Tanzania**  
Disability data users and producers: identifying the needs of data users  
*Don Lollar, Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*

10:30-11:00 a.m. Break

11:00-12:30 p.m. **Chair: Zimbabwe**  
Meeting the needs of stakeholders – constraints of the data collection system  
*Angela Me, United Nations Statistics Division*

12:30-2:00 p.m. Lunch

**Afternoon Session (2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m)**

2:00-4:00 p.m. The user-producer dialogue: identifying data needs (an exercise)  
*Coordinator: Don Lollar, Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*

4:00-4:30 p.m. Break

4:30-6:00 p.m. **Chair: Sudan**  
The application of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) in data collection  
*Margaret Mbogoni, United Nations Statistics Division*  
*Margie Schneider, World Health Organization*  
*Mitchell Loeb, SINTEF Unimed – Health and Rehabilitation, Norway (The project in Namibia and Zimbabwe)*

Wednesday, 12 September 2001

**Morning Session (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)**

8:30-10:30 a.m. The application of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) in data collection (an exercise)  
*Coordinators: Margie Schneider, World Health Organization  
Don Lollar, Centres for Disease Control and Prevention*

10:30-11:00 a.m. *Break*

11:00-12:30 a.m. **Chair: Nigeria**  
Asia and Pacific Decade of Disabled persons 1993-2002 and Disability Statistics in the Asian and Pacific Region  
*Hisao Sato, Japan College of Social Work*

12:30-2:00 p.m. *Lunch*

**Afternoon Session (2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.)**

2:00-4:00 p.m. **Chair: Zambia**  
General issues in questionnaire design to measure disability: validity, reliability, bias, variable errors  
Question wording and question design features  
*Angela Me, United Nations Statistics Division*

4:00-4:30 p.m. *Break*

4:30-6:00 p.m. Group exercise: development of an instrument to include in a census or in a household survey  
*Coordinator: Angela Me, United Nations Statistics Division*

**Thursday, 13 September 2001**

**Morning Session (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)**

8:30-9:30 a.m. Group exercise: development of an instrument to include in a census or in a household survey (continue)  
*Coordinator: Angela Me, United Nations Statistics Division*

9:30-10:30 a.m. Presentation and discussion of group exercises

10:30-11:00 a.m. *Break*

- 11:00-12:30 p.m.      **Chair: South Africa**  
 Special issues in interviewing persons with disabilities  
*Margaret Mbogoni, United Nations Statistics Division*
- 12:30-2:00 p.m.      Lunch
- Afternoon Session (2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.)**
- 2:00-4:00 p.m.      Interviewing persons with disabilities: Group exercise  
*Coordinator: Margaret Mbogoni, United Nations Statistics Division*
- 4:00-4:30 p.m.      Break
- 4:30-6:00 p.m.      Interviewing persons with disabilities: Group exercise (continued)  
*Coordinator: Margaret Mbogoni, United Nations Statistics Division*

## **Friday, 14 September 2001**

- Morning Session (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)**
- 8:30-9:30 a.m.      Presentation and discussion on interviewing persons with disabilities
- 9:30-10:30 a.m.      **Chair: Ethiopia**  
 Special topics on disability (women, refugees, HIV-AIDS)  
*Edith Okiria, Makerere University*  
*Linnie Kesselly and Dominic Tibyampasha, United Nations High Commission for Refugees, Uganda*
- 10:30-11:00 a.m.      Break
- 11:00-12:30 p.m.      **Chair: Uganda**  
 Recommendations and priorities for future work in the region  
*Coordinator: United Nations Statistics Division*
- 12:30-2:00 p.m.      Lunch
- Afternoon Session (2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.)**
- 2:00-3:00 p.m.      Closing

## Evaluation survey

At the end of the workshop, participants filled out an evaluation survey of the workshop. Twenty-eight respondents participated in the evaluation survey. Of these 13 were representatives of national statistical offices, 13 from government ministries responsible for formulating policy on disability matters, 1 from a United Nations agency, and 1 from an NGO. The numbers in parentheses and/or bold represent the number of participants by response category. Questions *m*, *n*, and *o* allowed for respondents to state their opinions and the verbatim responses numbered by participant are presented following each of these questions and are categorized by type of organization the respondent is affiliated with.

### 1. Participant Information

- a) What is your position in your country?
  - 1. Staff of statistical office (**27**)
  - 2. Staff of other governmental organization (**27**)
  - 3. NGO (**1**)
  - 4. UN agency (**1**)
  
- b) How long have you been associated to disability statistics?
  - 1. Less than one year (**8**)
  - 2. 1 to 4 years (**8**)
  - 3. 5 years or more (**13**)

### 2. General information on the workshop

- c) How would you rate the organizational arrangements?
  - 1. Very good (**5**)
  - 2. Good (**8**)
  - 3. Fair (**11**)
  - 4. Weak (**3**)
  
- d) How clear were the materials provided?
  - 1. Very clear (**9**)
  - 2. Clear (**12**)
  - 3. Fairly clear (**6**)
  - 4. Unclear
  
- e) How would you rate the presentations?
  - 1. Very clear (**5**)
  - 2. Clear (**17**)
  - 3. Fairly clear (**5**)
  - 4. Unclear

- f) How would you rate the level of the workshop?
1. Advanced **(6)**
  2. Just right **(20)**
  3. Elementary **(1)**
- g) Do you think that the working group sessions were
1. Very good way of exchanging information among the countries **(7)**
  2. Good way of exchanging information among countries **(14)**
  3. Important, but time could have been spent in a more effective way **(5)**
  4. Not helpful
- h) What is the likelihood that you will use the material included in the Guidelines and Principles for the Development of Disability Statistics in planning future work on disability statistics?
1. Most likely **(18)**
  2. Likely **(7)**
  3. Unlikely
  4. Do not know at the present **(2)**
- i) Do you think that the length of the workshop was
1. Too long **(2)**
  2. About the right length **(21)**
  3. Short **(4)**
- j) Do you think that the time for discussion was
1. Adequate **(16)**
  2. Not adequate **(10)**
- k) Do you think that the presentation made by other countries were:
1. Very useful **(7)**
  2. Useful **(11)**
  3. Important, but time could have been spent in a more effective way **(7)**
  4. Not helpful **(1)**
- l) If you had to plan a workshop on disability statistics in the future, would you use the same arrangements?
1. Yes, exactly the same arrangements **(2)**
  2. Yes, with some modification on the topics **(12)**
  3. Yes, with some modification on the organization **(13)**

4. No **(3)**

m) Is there any additional topic that you think should have been covered?

1. Yes, specify **(11)**

2. No **(15)**

- UN agency
  - (i) disability organizations in the region and their work, (ii) children and disability and assistance
- Statistical agency
  - 1. HIV/AIDS
  - 2. Design and field test of survey instrument for collecting disability statistics.
  - 3. The experience of disabled people with regard to environment barriers.
  - 4. Individual country's journey so far on disability statistics.
- Ministry
  - 5. Inclusion of people with disabilities (types)
  - 6. Sample design
  - 7. (a) Children with disabilities; (b) Youth with disabilities; (c) Persons with disabilities in prisons; (d) Elderly with disabilities.
  - 8. Community based rehabilitation.
  - 9. Design, More country presentations.

n) Did the workshop meet your expectation?

1.  Yes, specify **(19)**

2.  No, why not? **(4)**

- Statistical office
  - 1. We should have representation from disabled persons.
  - 2. The workshop opened up my mind on the terminologies used and the concerns and plight of the disabled.
  - 3. Gave guidelines (basic concepts)
  - 4. We could have learnt more from presentations of all countries in plenary sessions as opposed to a few highlights in group discussions.
  - 5. The workshop dealt with three stakeholders but did not reach consensus on several aspects.
  - 6. Because I benefited a lot and I now know a new definition of disability.
  - 7. Especially regarding development of instruments and ICF.
  - 8. No logistic support; no visitation to rehabilitation centres; no group lunch to enhance timely take-off of sessions.
- Ministry
  - 1. The importance given to persons with disability in census and statistics.



2. The experience of some of the organizers leaves much to be desired as they were not in firm control of their presentation.
3. An understanding of the need for data in policy development.
4. It will enable my country to effectively use the ICF approach in collecting data on disability.
5. Did not address current issues raised by PWD in promotion of rights.

o) Comments (Optional)

- NGO  
Future conferences should include participants from organizations for people with disabilities (primary source)
- UN agency
  - (i) allow for presentations by associations of disabled as to challenges facing those living with disabilities, their research and publications
  - (ii) Recommend general lunch together at least to hold the group together so that sessions restart on time
- Statistical office:
  1. Next time such workshop is organized, we should have facts from disabled persons apart from getting data from them and leave them out.
  2. (a) Working group sessions were great, but may need more integration of participants, more so those from different countries, instead of people from the same countries clumping together. (b) Having more presentations on disability from different organizations dealing with disabled/impaired persons.
  3. It is a very interesting workshop. I know a wider definition of disability and the experience of other countries.
  4. Few countries spoke of their experience (country reports were not presented)
  5. Hosts could have been friendlier and available for any queries.
  6. It was good as we benefited from resource persons who had practical experience on ICF and collecting data on disability.
  7. Organization was generally poor. Time keeping was poor. Some presenters lacked friendliness and sociability; however, others were good and mixed well. Being asked to prepare a paper and not being able to present it was discouraging.
  8. Facilitation was not provided for us Ugandans.
  9. No time was allocated for participating countries to present whatever they have on disability/rehabilitation statistics/usage in such countries; (b) reception was poor (local co-hosts); (c) it was NOT African workshop. It was EAST African workshop; (d) sponsorship was limited to East Africa.
- Ministry
  1. I have learnt a lot from this workshop and was glad to be involved.
  2. Absence of logistic friendly arrangement to participants from other countries; (b) expected to have field work included, especially visit to CBR centres and other rehabilitation centres.
  3. Provision could have been made for presentation of country papers.

4. I benefit from the good representation workshops. I gain also more information about disability questions.
5. The workshop will go a long way to bridge the gaps between statistics producers and users; (b) Relevant instruments have been discussed, so there will be improvement on information collected; (c) ICF information very important and will give guidance in some unanswered problems.
6. The workshop is sub-standard in the area of organization and presentation of some papers. Lunch and at least transport allowance should have been provided.
7. DPO and PWDs could have been involved/invited in the workshop at the beginning as well as health personnel (medical personnel).
8. The workshop in general was useful and it needs sometime to materialize it fully in African regions.
9. ICF not adequately covered/explained; (b) Insufficient time spent on other country reports.

### 3. Specific information on the workshop

Please answer the questions below, by marking the box which is closest to your views on each topic.

TOPIC	How useful was the topic in discussing issues related to disability statistics?				Will you use the information presented in the meeting for future work in your country?		
	Very Useful	Useful	Fairly useful	Not useful	Yes	No	No opinion
<i>Disability statistics in the African region</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>23</b>		<b>1</b>
<i>ICF as a framework for disability measurement</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	
<i>Identifying the needs of data users</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	
<i>Constraints of the data collection system</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>21</b>		<b>3</b>
<i>Application of the ICF in data collection</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	
<i>Asia and Pacific Decade of Disabled persons 1993-2002 and Disability Statistics in the Asian and the Pacific Region</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
<i>General issues in questionnaire design, question wording and question design features</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>	
<i>Special issues in interviewing persons with disability</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
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## **Workshop announcement**

### **UNITED NATIONS WORKSHOP ON DISABILITY STATISTICS FOR AFRICA 10-14 September 2001, Kampala, Uganda**

Organizer: United Nations Statistics Division  
Co-hosts: Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS)  
Population Secretariat of Uganda

Place: Kampala, Uganda  
Time: 10-14 September 2001

#### **Background**

The African Decade of Disabled Persons 2000 – 2009, places great emphasis on combating the causes of disablement and empowering persons with disabilities in Africa. Implementation and monitoring of the Decade objectives and also of such international policy documents as the United Nations Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and the World Programme of Action Concerning Disabled Persons place great demands for data on countries. Knowing the number of persons with disabilities in a country and monitoring equality of opportunity and achievements made, in terms of economic, social, political, and cultural rights, require good quality statistical data and their effective use.

The objective of the Workshop is to strengthen national capabilities to produce, disseminate and use data on disability for policy development and implementation. The Workshop will bring together producers and users of disability statistics to promote understanding of data collection issues and to specify data required for policy formulation. It will also provide for the exchange of information and experiences of the participating countries and organizations, and introduce new concepts, methods, classifications and instruments used to measure disability.

The main topics to be considered during the workshop are:

- A report on the African Decade of Disabled Persons 2000 - 2009
- Disability statistics in the African region
- Disability concepts, definitions and classifications such as the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF), and the International Standard, ISO 9999, Technical Aids for Disabled Persons: Classification, 1<sup>st</sup> ed.
- Stakeholders: identifying users and producers of statistics
- Design of instrument for data collection
- Special issues in interviewing persons with disabilities
- Topics and cross-tabulations
- Country reports

### **Application for the workshop**

Only candidates nominated by their Government will be considered for attendance. Nominated candidates are required to fill and submit a nomination form and as well as a medical certificate from their physician indicating that they are in good health and fit to travel.

Successful applicants from each country will be required to prepare a country report for presentation at the workshop. Details about the country report will be communicated at a later date.

### **Travel arrangements**

UNSD will arrange travel and provide an economy air ticket by the most direct route, and a daily subsistence allowance for the foreign participants, at the standard rate established by the United Nations for the venue of the workshop.

The deadline for the nominations to be received at United Nations Statistics Division is **20 July 2001**.

For more information about the workshop, please contact:

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## **Information sent to nominees**

### **United Nations Workshop on disability statistics for africa**

Kampala, Uganda

10 - 14 September 2001

#### *Aide Memoire*

##### **A. Background**

The United Nations Workshop on Disability Statistics for Africa, which will be held in Kampala, Uganda from 10 to 14 September 2001, is sponsored by the United Nations and co-hosted by the Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) and the Population Secretariat of Uganda.

The objective of the workshop is to bring together producers and users of disability statistics to promote understanding of data collection issues and to specify data required for policy formulation.

The specific training objectives are as follows:

- Initiate a dialogue between producers and users of disability statistics in the countries and the region;
- Enable the exchange of information and experiences of the participating countries and/or organizations;
- Review methodologies and instruments used in other countries to measure disability;
- Discuss the use of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) as the conceptual framework for collecting and classifying data on disability;
- Provide guidance on planning for the collection and utilization of policy relevant data on persons with disabilities.

##### **B. Expected outputs**

Participants from national statistical offices and other relevant data users will be trained in disability statistics methods with regard to concepts and definitions for use in the collection and classification of the data, as well as on special issues of questionnaire design related to disability data collection. The training will also include issues of data comparability and use of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) as a unifying conceptual framework for collecting and classifying disability data. The workshop will also provide an opportunity to share national experiences in this field. The data collectors, who for the most part are from the national statistical offices, and the data users from ministries responsible for formulating policy on disability matters, will be trained on how to communicate their needs.

An expected outcome of the workshop is a set of recommendations on future work to improve the measurement of disability in the African region. The recommendations will be developed by the workshop participants, who will form the nucleus of a network of experts in the region. Participants are, therefore, requested to come prepared with specific recommendations on

how to advance work on the measurement of disability in the African region. These suggestions should specify actions to be taken by countries, at the regional level, or at the international level.

### **C. Preparation/requirements**

Although some general knowledge and appreciation of disability issues at the national and regional levels are essential background for the workshop, it is likely that some of the participants may not have been exposed to these during the course of their work. Participants would need to make a definite effort to gain some insights into the problems and concerns with respect to measurement of disability in their countries, in order to facilitate the exchange of views with other participants and to compare their own situation with that of others.

For participants to have a minimum level of preparation for the workshop and benefit from the experience of other countries, they are asked to complete a pre-workshop assignment. The assignment involves the preparation of a country report addressing the following issues:

- (i) the objectives for collecting the data on disability and an assessment of their adequacy for policy formulation in their respective countries;
- (ii) the question(s) used in a national study to measure disability and the resulting prevalence rate;
- (iii) the reasons why that question or those questions were chosen; and
- (iv) information on field operations including any special training of interviewers on how to elicit the needed information on disability, the pre-testing of questions, etc.

The two participants from each country should prepare together a three- to five- page single-spaced written report, which will be presented during the relevant sessions of the workshop. Participants are also encouraged to bring copies of reports of their national studies on disability including a copy of the questionnaire that was used to collect the data.

### **D. Programme**

The programme will reflect a mix of introductory lecture/presentation on the topic for the session, brief discussion and question time; group activity involving application of lecture/presentation materials and discussion, and presentation of group reports to the workshop in plenary. Discussions will be conducted in both plenary and group sessions. The morning and afternoon sessions will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. respectively, with a fifteen-minute break at a convenient point of both sessions. Lunch break is from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. A copy of the draft agenda is attached for your reference.

The main documentation for the workshop comprises:

1. *Guidelines and Principles for the Development of Disability Statistics*
2. *International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health*
3. *International Standard, ISO 9999, Technical Aids for Disabled Persons: Classification, 1<sup>st</sup> ed.*

### **E. General information**

### ***1. Venue of the workshop***

The Workshop will take place at the Lion Centre, the Sheraton Hotel. The address is: Sheraton Hotel, Plot No. 8/12 Ternan Avenue, P.O. Box 7041, Kampala, Uganda; Tel: (256-41) 344590/344591/322499; Fax: (256-41) 256696/257657; e-mail: [reservations\\_kampala\\_uganda@sheraton.com](mailto:reservations_kampala_uganda@sheraton.com).

### ***2. Accommodation***

The workshop organizers have provided the following list of hotels:

1. Sheraton Hotel (5 star hotel - The Workshop Venue)  
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The United Nations will provide a daily subsistence allowance for foreign participants to cover the cost of the hotel accommodation and three meals a day, at a rate of \$135.00 per day. Participants are advised to make their own hotel reservations and to contact Mr. Zirarema of the Population Secretariat of Uganda (see below) for assistance, if required.

### ***3. Travel arrangements***



The United Nations will arrange the travel of national participants (two from each participating country), from their country of origin to Uganda.

*a. Airline tickets*

American Express, the travel agent of the United Nations in New York (Tel. no. 212 963-6280), is responsible for making flight reservations for the UN sponsored participants and will be contacting each one with information about local arrangements for picking up the airline tickets. Mr. Charles Zirarema of Population Secretariat of Uganda has been informed of the original booking for participants' arrival and departure date/times. Participants are requested to contact Mr. Zirarema to inform him of their travel dates and times of arrival and departure, if any changes are made at the time the tickets are issued:

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Mr. Zirarema will re-confirm your return flights so please take note that all airline tickets should be submitted to him the first day of the Workshop. Be sure to make any changes to your itinerary prior to the issuance of the ticket, as organizers will do only reconfirmation.

*b. Arrival in Kampala*

Most big hotels in Kampala provide courtesy shuttle buses to and from Entebbe Airport and cover most international arrivals. However, if you will be arriving very late in the evening, or you need special assistance because of a disability and would like to be picked up from the airport, contact Mr. Zirarema with details of your flight information. In any case, you are advised to check with the hotel when you make the reservation whether or not there will be a courtesy bus when you arrive at Entebbe.

Taxis are also available and charge \$20 from Entebbe airport to Kampala.

*c. Currency*

The currency in Uganda is the Ugandan Shilling. Presently, the exchange rate is around 1 US\$ to 1740 Ugandan Shillings. Forex Bureaus in Kampala can exchange major international currencies, including the Kenya and Tanzania shillings. When exchanging traveler's checks, a valid passport is required. Some agencies may ask for your Sales Advice Slip, but as this is your only proof of ownership of the checks, you are advised not to surrender them. Instead look for another Forex Bureau that does not require them. It is also important to note that small denomination bills, such as US\$1, 5, and 10 are changed at a substantially reduced rate than larger denominations.

*d. Visa requirements*

Participants are required to have a valid passport to enter Uganda and are responsible for obtaining all necessary entry visas, if applicable. In case of any difficulties, the Ugandan organizers should immediately be contacted. It is advisable that these arrangements are made well in advance, to avoid last minute hitches. The Ugandan organizers have also made

arrangements for participants to obtain the visa upon arrival at Entebbe. For more details on this, please contact Mr. Zirarema.

*e. Health*

Participants are reminded to check on the health regulations governing travel to Uganda, and obtain the necessary vaccinations.

Participants should bring their original medical certificates to the Workshop if they have not already submitted them to the United Nations Statistics Division.

*f. Field trip*

There will be a field trip on Friday 14 September 2001, in the afternoon. The local organizers are still working out the details of the trip.

*g. Departure*

Participants may leave for their respective countries at the close of the workshop on Friday 14 September 2001.

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