Group Work

1. Use of statistics in countries

a) Who are the main users of disability–related statistics?

- Ministry of Health – Bermuda – Office for Physically challenged
- Ministry of National Mobilisation –
- Ministry of Education
- Commission for Disabled persons
- Social Development
- Associations – Disability affairs association
- Disaster Preparedness Organizations – NEOC,
- Policy makers – Social Planners, Researchers
- International Development Partners – UNFPA
- Social Security and National Insurance
- Business organisations - retailers

b) How are statistics on disability currently utilized in your country?

- Design programmes
- Develop policies
- Development of infrastructure
- Design, development of social programmes
- Updating of legislation
- Acquisition of funding

c) What mechanisms exist for promoting their utilization for policy?

- Some mechanisms do not exist
- Possible approaches
  - Presentations to interest groups
  - Reports to policy makers
  - Assisting/ supporting national agencies in the development of projects and programmes – also in aligning administrative data with definitions and standards stimulate potential areas for researchers

2. Production of statistics in countries

a. Identify ways to strengthen national capacity to produce and utilize data on disability for monitoring progress towards inclusion of persons with disabilities in development programmes.

- Assist agencies in strengthening datasets and their ability to utilize data so that informed decisions are made
- Capacity building workshop for the NSOs
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- Expose all national stakeholders to training and understanding of statistics use in decision-making and policy development.
- Share best practices and knowledge transfer - south-south cooperation
- Create a forum to share knowledge-based Top down approach to the funding of projects to ensure that the official data is used in the design of programmes.
- Use infographics to present data in use-friendly formats
- Ensure persons with disabilities have an integral part of the planning and execution

b. How can we better coordinate production of statistics on disability by relevant stakeholder in the National Statistics System (NSS).

- Development of National Advisory Committees
- Review current data and look at data requirements from regional and international organisations
- Identify new indicators through consultation with stakeholders

c. What you propose as the next steps in developing the area of statistics (short and medium term)

- Documenting
- Inclusion of disability discussion in the upcoming RCCC meeting, Minimum dataset.
- Mapping of countries' status and data gaps
- Change from medical approach to bio social and medical approach focus on functioning
- Review the WG questions and ascertain whether useful