

**United Nations Regional Meeting on Disability Measurement and Statistics
in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 2020
World Population and Housing Census Programme
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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

Group 2: Bahamas, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Bermuda, Barbados, Dominica, Anguilla

- 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
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- 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
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