Bridging the Gap II (BtG-II)
Learning Spaces (LS) 2018-2019

Webinar N.1- Introduction to the CRPD: principles and structure

March 26th, 2018 at 2:30 pm CET (English session)

1 – TOPIC

Introduction to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD): principles, content and structure.

2 – TARGET AUDIENCES

The whole webinar cycle is addressed to the three target groups of the project, namely:
1. Development practitioners (for instance: agencies, EU delegations)
2. National institutions of the partner countries of Bridging the Gap II (Burkina Faso, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Paraguay and Sudan)
3. National organisations of persons with disabilities

3 – SESSION'S CONTENT, SEQUENCE AND DURATION

The module focuses on understanding the CRPD and analysing its principles and structure. The session starts by explaining the concept of disability as fundamental step to understand why the CRPD is a necessary human-right tool. The session's content helps answering and understanding the following CRPD-related questions and concepts:

- What is disability?
- Different approaches to disability.
- A short introduction to the Convention.
- What is the purpose of the Convention?
- Key principles of the human rights approach to disability.
- The structure and content of the Convention.

Sequence of the session
- **Icebreaker 15 mins** – What is disability? Different approaches to disability.

- **Comments and Remarks from the Audience 15 mins**
- **Presentation 30 mins** – CRPD, principles and structure.
- **Questions & answers 30 mins** – A&Q plenary session – Debate

The webinar will last 1.5 hours.

4 – HANDOUTS FOR PARTICIPANTS

- Slides presentation
- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- OHCHR, FAQ on the Convention
- CRPD presentations/papers from UN, EU and BtG-II partners

5 – READING MATERIAL FOR PARTICIPANTS

- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- "Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on progress in the implementation of the recommendations contained in the study on the human rights of persons with disabilities" (A/HRC/4/75)
- "Thematic Study by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on enhancing awareness and understanding of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" (A/HRC/10/48)
- OHCHR, FAQ on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- United Nations, Monitoring the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Guidance for Human Rights Monitors, Professional Training Series No. 17 (HR/P/PT/17)
- From Exclusion to Equality: Realizing the Rights of Persons with Disabilities—Handbook for Parliamentarians on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol (HR/PUB/07/6)

6 - LEARNING OBJECTIVES (SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES)

At the end of the session, participants will be able to answer basic questions about the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, such as why it is important, whom it protects and what has to be done to respect the rights of persons with disabilities.

7 – LANGUAGES AND SCHEDULES

The webinar will be conducted in English, French and Spanish in separate sessions:

Language	Date and time	Speaker	Moderator
English	26th March 2018 at 2:30pm CET (Brussels time)	**An-Sofie Leenknecht, European Disability Forum** Human Rights Coordinator	**Alessia Rogai** BtG-II Knowledge Management and Learning Coordinator
French	26th March 2018 at 10:30am CET (Brussels time)	**Charlotte Axelsson**, Independent Consultant	**Federico Martire** BtG-II Director
Spanish	19th March 2018 at 4:30pm CET (Brussels time)	**Silvia Quan IDA Secretariat** Senior Human Rights Advisor for the Treaty Bodies Unit	**Carmen Serrano** BtG-II Communication Officer

8 – REGISTRATION

To register please click here. On the day of the webinar you will receive a link to connect directly to our training platform.

9 - WHAT IS BRIDGING THE GAP?

Bridging the Gap II (BtG-II) is an initiative funded by the European Union coordinated by the International and Ibero-American Foundation for Administration and Public Policies (FIIAPP) in partnership with the Spanish Agency for Development Cooperation (AECID), the Austrian Development Agency (ADA), the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (IADC), the European Disability Forum (EDF) and the International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC). It aims to contribute to the socio-economic inclusion, equality and non-discrimination of persons with disabilities through more inclusive and accountable institutions and policies.

Bridging the Gap is a targeted thematic response to the requirement to make development cooperation accessible to and inclusive of persons with disabilities, which is an obligation for the European Union (EU) and Member States as parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and which can have a significant impact in improving the social inclusion and promoting the rights of persons with disabilities.

BtG-II supports the mainstreaming of disability in international cooperation and the efforts of five partner countries (Burkina Faso, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Paraguay and Sudan) in planning and implementing inclusive public policies and services.

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