

PACIFIC DISABILITY FORUM

SESSION 5 – CAPACITY BUILDING

Engagement at national and regional level on SDG implementation: What Worked

- Looking at disability issue as a broad development issue
- Identify key entry points and contacts
- Adopt a broad-based approach, demonstrating how inclusion will benefit all
- Identify strategic partners and strategic opportunities
- Document and disseminate models of inclusion and the process
- Champions – political will and leadership

Examples of Partnership Work

- Law reform – UNESCAP, PIFS, Pacific governments
- Policy review and development – PIFS, UNESCAP
- Data – SPC and UNICEF to support governments, but partnership at national to be strengthened
- Budget – Global partners, CBM Australia
- Accessibility – PIFS, CBM, UN agencies – UNRCO/ OHCHR/ ILO
- DRR/Climate Change – PRP, UNDRR, UNOCHA, PIANGO
- Education – PIFS, USP, UNICEF, UNESCO, SPC, APTC
- Political – Global partners, FEO

Barriers

- Absence of the representative voice of persons with disabilities to guide all development policies, programmes and monitoring mechanisms.
- •Lack of disaggregated data and links between disability & poverty or other development agenda
- •Perception that disability is a special issue requiring particular technical expertise or separate programme
- •Development funding criteria and related tools excluding persons with disabilities

Conclusion

- Countries cannot afford to keep between 10 to 20% of their populations off their economic, social, cultural and political agendas.

“A society fit for persons with disabilities is the only society fit for all.” (author unknown)