



International Conference Disability, Disadvantage and Development in Asia and the Pacific

Visions Theatre, National Museum of Australia*, Canberra
Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 September

Day 1: Monday 29 September 2008

The Situation: Disability, Disadvantage and Development

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

Opening Session

Chair: Paul Deany, Coordinator, Australian Disability and Development Consortium (ADDC)

9.00 – 9.10 Matilda House, Indigenous leader for the Ngunnawal community
Welcome to Ngunnawal Country

9.10 – 9.15 Graeme Innes, Australian Human Rights and Disability Discrimination Commissioner
Welcome to the Conference

9.15 – 9.35 The Hon. Bob McMullan, MP, Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance, Government of Australia
Opening address: Putting disability on the development assistance agenda

Session One: Keynote Addresses Disability and the Development Agenda: The current situation

Chair: The Hon Bill Shorten MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services

9.35 – 9.50 Maria Victoria Reina, Executive Director, Global Partnership on Disability and Development
Disability, Poverty and Exclusion

9.50 – 10.10 Graeme Innes, Australian Human Rights and Disability Discrimination Commissioner
Using the Convention on the Rights of People with disabilities as a tool for progress

10.10 – 10.30 Questions/Open discussion
Summary of key points
Margaret Gadd, National Disability Services,

10.30 – 11.00 Morning Tea

Session Two: The Economics of Disability, Disadvantage and Development

Chair: Neva Wendt, Australian Council for International Development

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11.00 – 11.20	Frederick Miller, Disability Coordination Officer, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat <i>Disability – a cause and consequence of poverty: Implications for development in the Pacific</i>
11.20 – 11.40	Tewai Halatau, Co-chair, Pacific Disability Forum and General Manager, Vision Pacific Trust, New Zealand <i>Eliminating poverty: A regional response by the Pacific Disability Forum</i>
11.40 - 12.10	Three short case studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damian Griffis, Aboriginal Disability Network <i>Disability in indigenous and minority groups</i> • Abdus Sattar Dulal, Executive Director, Bangladesh Prodibandhi Kallyan Somity, Bangladesh <i>Access to livelihoods, microfinance and microcredit in Asia and the Pacific</i> • Nonoy Concha, Philippines <i>Livelihood projects in Cebu, Philippines</i>
12.10 – 12.45	Questions and Open Discussion Summary of Key points Mathew Fagan, Vision 2020 Australia
12.45 -12.55	Professor Lesley Chenoweth, Griffith University <i>Launch of the 1,000 Voices Project</i> <i>(to be followed by project demonstrations in the foyer during lunch time)</i>
12.55 – 2.00	Lunch in the Foyer (video presentations)
Session Three: Social Implications of Disability: Issues of gender and exclusion	
Chair:	Senator Gary Humphries, Chair, Senate Community Affairs Committee (former Deputy Chair, Senate Select Committee on Mental Health)
2.00 – 2.20	Sainimili Tawake, Convenor, Women with Disabilities Pasifika Network and Daniel Stubbs, President, Australian Pacific Islands Disability Support <i>Pacific sisters with disabilities: at the intersection of discrimination. A UNDP report and implications for action</i>
2.20 – 2.40	Andonia Piau Lynch, National Coordinator, Disability Promotion and Advocacy Association, Vanuatu <i>What kind of support do women with disabilities need and how best can it be provided</i>
2.40 – 3.00	Questions and Open Discussion
3.00 – 3.30	Afternoon Tea – live performance by singer from <i>Te Toa Matoa</i>
Session Four: Development assistance for disability	
Chair:	Dr Pamela Thomas, Australian National University
3.30-3.50	Laurie Dunn, Assistant Director General, AusAID <i>Developing a new consultative approach to addressing disability in the Australian aid programme (title to be confirmed)</i>
3.50 – 4.10	Megan McCoy, Disabilities Section, NZAID <i>Development assistance for disability in the Pacific (title to be confirmed)</i>
4.10 – 4.45	<i>Open Forum for Discussion</i>
4.45-5.00	Summary of main points Dr Kirsty Thompson, CBMI, Australia
7.00 – 10.00	Conference drinks and dinner (Teatro Vivaldi Restaurant, Union Square, Australian National University)

Dinner speaker: Rohan Brooks, founder and leader of the rock band *Rudely Interrupted* – a Victorian band of intellectually disabled musicians. Rohan will speak on the role of music in reducing stigma and empowering people with disabilities. A performance by the band will follow.

Day 2: Tuesday 30 September 2008: Key Issues for Addressing Disability and Disadvantage in Development

Chair: Rosemary Kayess, Chair, Disability Discrimination Legal Centre, Disability Studies and Research Institute
9.00 – 9.10 Key points from day one (Paul Deany)

Session Five: Moving forward: Practical experience in addressing disability and disadvantage in the Asia Pacific region

9.10-9.30 Setareki Macanawai, CEO, Pacific Disability Forum
Towards inclusive development: Moving forward in addressing disability in the Pacific
9.30-9.50 Debra Perry, Senior Specialist in Vocational Rehabilitation, ILO, Geneva
Disability and livelihoods: opportunities for employment & its gender implications in the Asia Pacific Regions
9.50 – 10.10 Discussion
10.10 – 10.40 Morning tea- video of performance by *Wan Smol Bag* Theatre, Vanuatu on inclusive social services and removing stigma – shown in ground floor foyer during morning tea (*“Things we don’t talk about”*).

Session Six: Using Conventions, Policies, Legislation and Frameworks Effectively

10.40 – 10.55 Robyn Hunt, Human Rights Commissioner, New Zealand
Developing, communicating & using international conventions: the role of information, education and communication
10.55 – 11.10 Professor Andrew Byrnes, Associate Dean, Law School, University of NSW
Legislating for the disadvantaged and disabled: the role & rule of law
11.10-11.40 Two case studies

- Angeline Chand, Program Officer, Pacific Disability Forum
Communicating rights and legislation to people with disabilities: the experience of Fiji
- Alastair Wilkinson, Regional Adviser, Social Development and Planning, UN-ESCAP, Suva
Developing appropriate rights-based disability policy and frameworks in the Pacific: key issues

11.40 – 12.15 Open discussion
Summary of main points
Heidi Forrest

Session Six: What works in practice and why: case studies from the Asia Pacific region

Small facilitated working groups with case studies in three concurrent sessions to identify key issues which support successful activities and programmes for people with disabilities

1.30 - 3.30

Four Concurrent Small Group Sessions

1. **Visions Theatre:** 'Twinning, networking capacity building'
2. **The Studio:** 'Empowerment and access to information'
3. **Friends Lounge:** 'Encouraging inclusion and gender equity'
4. **Theatrette, Old Canberra House, ANU :** 'Advocacy and creating awareness'

Old Canberra House is a five minute walk from the Museum. Transport will leave outside the main entrance of the museum at 1.15.

Session 6.1 Visions Theatre

Facilitator: Robert Choy, International Program Manager, CBM New Zealand
Co-facilitator: Robyn James, APIDS
1.30 – 3.30 Workshop: what works in practice and why and what next?

Capacity building, Twinning, Volunteering

- Sarotorn Muangklieng, Thailand/South Australia Program and Margaret Gadd, National Disability Services
From email exchange to NGO and Government partnerships (with AusAID assistance)
- Eleanor Loudon, AVI Business Manager and Alex Gatrell, AVI/AusAID,
Best practice in volunteering in disability in the Pacific: results from recent research
- Therese Sands, PWD, Sydney
Capacity building in the region – what works
- Clarissa Pearce,
Evaluating capacity building: the case of Fiji (Pam check out title and affiliation)

Open discussion and joint development of key points
Afternoon tea

3.30 - 4.00

Session 6.2 The Studio (ground floor) – next to afternoon tea venue

Facilitator: Setareki Macanawai
Co-facilitator: Heather Dawson, University of Melbourne
1.30- 3. 30 Workshop: what works in practice and why and what next?

Empowerment, education and access to information

- Maryanne Diamond, Vision Australia
Empowerment and leadership training
- Justinho Sarmiento Amaral, Community Facilitator, Plan Timor Leste and Natalie Grove, University of New South Wales
Education is for everyone: Inclusive education in Timor Leste
- Dr Shamim Ferdous, Executive Director, Prodigibhandi Foundation, Bangladesh

Self employment and inclusive education in Bangladesh

- John Suran, Disability Promotion and Advocacy Association, Vanuatu

Access to education and training in Vanuatu

Open discussion and development of key points

Afternoon Tea

3.30 - 4.00

Session 6.3 Friends Lounge (up from ground floor by coat check – lift beside Administration office)

Facilitator: Daniel Stubbs, President, Australia Pacific Islands Disability Support

Co-facilitator: Sue Salthouse, Women with Disabilities Australia
1.30-3.30 Workshop: what works in practice and why and what next?

Inclusion and gender equality

- Sainimili Tawake
The role of the Pasifika Women's Network
- Robyn Hunt, Human Rights Commissioner, New Zealand
Using disability and gender-friendly information technology and communication
- Sue Salthouse, Women with Disabilities, Australia
Systemic advocacy for changing culture and policy for disabled women.
- Andonia Piau Lynch
Income generation for women with disabilities: linking rights with practical action in Vanuatu

Open Discussion and development of key points

Afternoon Tea

3.30 - 4.00

Session 6.4: Theatrette, Old Canberra House, Australian National University

Facilitator: Jason McKey, Managing Director, Job Placement Ltd

Co-facilitator: Heather Dawson
1.30-3.30 Workshop: what works in practice and why and what next?

Advocacy and creating awareness

- Jennifer Gersbeck, CEO, Vision 2020 Australia
Innovative approaches to successful advocacy
- David Constantine, Executive Officer, Motivation Charitable Trust, Bristol, UK
WHO guidelines on the provision of manual wheelchairs in less resourced settings
- Francis Ruru, actor, Wan Smolbag Theatre, Vanuatu
Creating awareness and advocacy through live drama, radio drama and film
- Teewata Rokete, Director, Te Toa Matoa Disabled People's Drama Group, Kiribati
Acting as a way to create inclusion and awareness
- Rohan Brooks, Musical Director, Rudely Interrupted
Performing music as advocacy and empowerment

3.30-4.00

Afternoon Tea

Plenary in Visions Theatre

Chair: Kristen Pratt, AusAID

4.00 –4.15	Key points from case studies Report back on key points by facilitators
4.15 – 4.50	Panel discussion David Lewis, CBM Setareki Macanawai, Pacific Disability Forum Sue Salthouse, Women with Disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessons for addressing disability in development • Integrating/mainstreaming disability within development • What needs to be done, when and how
4.50-5.00	Summary of key points and recommendations Deborah Rhodes, APIDS
5.00 – 5.10	Concluding remarks (tbc)
5.10 – 6.15	Drinks in foyer with public performance by <i>Rudely Interrupted</i> and <i>Te Toa Matoa (tbc)</i>

By Invitation

Day 3 – Wednesday 1 October

Policy and Action Roundtable and Consultation for International visitors

Facilitators: Deborah Rhodes, Margaret Gadd and Maryanne Diamond

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