

# 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics

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Virtual Meeting  
November 8-10, 2021



# Housekeeping Items

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- Please mute your microphone when you are not speaking
  - Feel free to make use of the chat box
  - This session is being recorded
  - French-English interpretation will be available for the first two days of the meeting
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# Session 1

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## Opening and WG Updates

Jennifer Madans

Chair, Washington Group on Disability Statistics

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# Objectives of the WG21 Meeting

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- To share what has been accomplished since the May 2021 mid-year meeting and present plans for the year to come.
  - To provide feedback to the workgroups and regional groups on their accomplishments and their workplans and discuss next steps.
  - To learn about applications of the WG tools in different contexts by WG partners.
  - To share experiences on disability data collection in administrative records and plans for the 2020 census round.
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# Innovations for WG21 Meeting

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- There will be two breakout sessions during the meeting, on Tuesday, November 9 (session on regional group updates) and on Wednesday, November 10 (session on use of WG tools in the 2020 census round). These breakout sessions will be organized by geographic region and language.
  - Four polls will be used throughout the meeting to gather participant feedback. Please participate and let us know what you think!
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# Mid-Year Meeting Accomplishments

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- Shared WG updates since the 20<sup>th</sup> annual meeting held September 20-22, 2020.
  - Advanced discussions around dissemination of disability data using WG tools.
    - Presented issues related to age-adjustment and created a new work group on this topic
    - Revisited disability reporting using a standard template
  - Shared updates and work plans from:
    - Workgroup leaders
    - Regional Disability Statistics Group leaders
  - Discussed plans and format for 21<sup>st</sup> annual meeting.
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# WG-21: Agenda

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Schedule I: 08:30 – 11:15 (US EST)

Schedule II: 18:00 – 19:00 (US EST)

# Agenda: Sessions Overview

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## Monday, 8 November

1. Opening Session and WG Secretariat updates
2. Workgroup updates
3. Experiences Using the Child Functioning Module-Teacher Version (CFM-TV)
4. Brief Partner Presentations

## Tuesday, November 9

1. Use of the WG Tools in Administrative Records
  2. Regional Workgroup Updates (Breakout Session)
  3. Use of WG Tools in Humanitarian Crises and Emergencies
  4. Brief Partner Presentation
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# Agenda: Sessions Overview

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Wednesday, November 10

1. UNICEF Launch event: Global Report on Children with Disabilities and Centre of Excellence on Data for Children with Disabilities

**YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT IN THE FOLLOWING LINK:**

[https://unicef.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_kfnFHaLESI29YMJg8pRzSA](https://unicef.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kfnFHaLESI29YMJg8pRzSA)

**Please note that this event will start at 8:00am EST**

2. Experiences Using the WG tools in Censuses: The 2020 Round (Breakout Session)
  3. Meeting Accomplishments and Next Steps
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# Updates, Activities and Accomplishments

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# Washington Group Secretariat News

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- WG support
  - Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
    - Support for two Regional Disability Statistics Groups in Africa
      - Brazzaville Group
      - South and East Africa Group
    - Approximately until October 2022
    - Administered by UCL
- WG dissemination
  - Exploring the creation of short videos in collaboration with CIP that present information on the themes and topics frequently covered by the WG Secretariat in consultations with other stakeholders.



# Summary of Annual Meetings

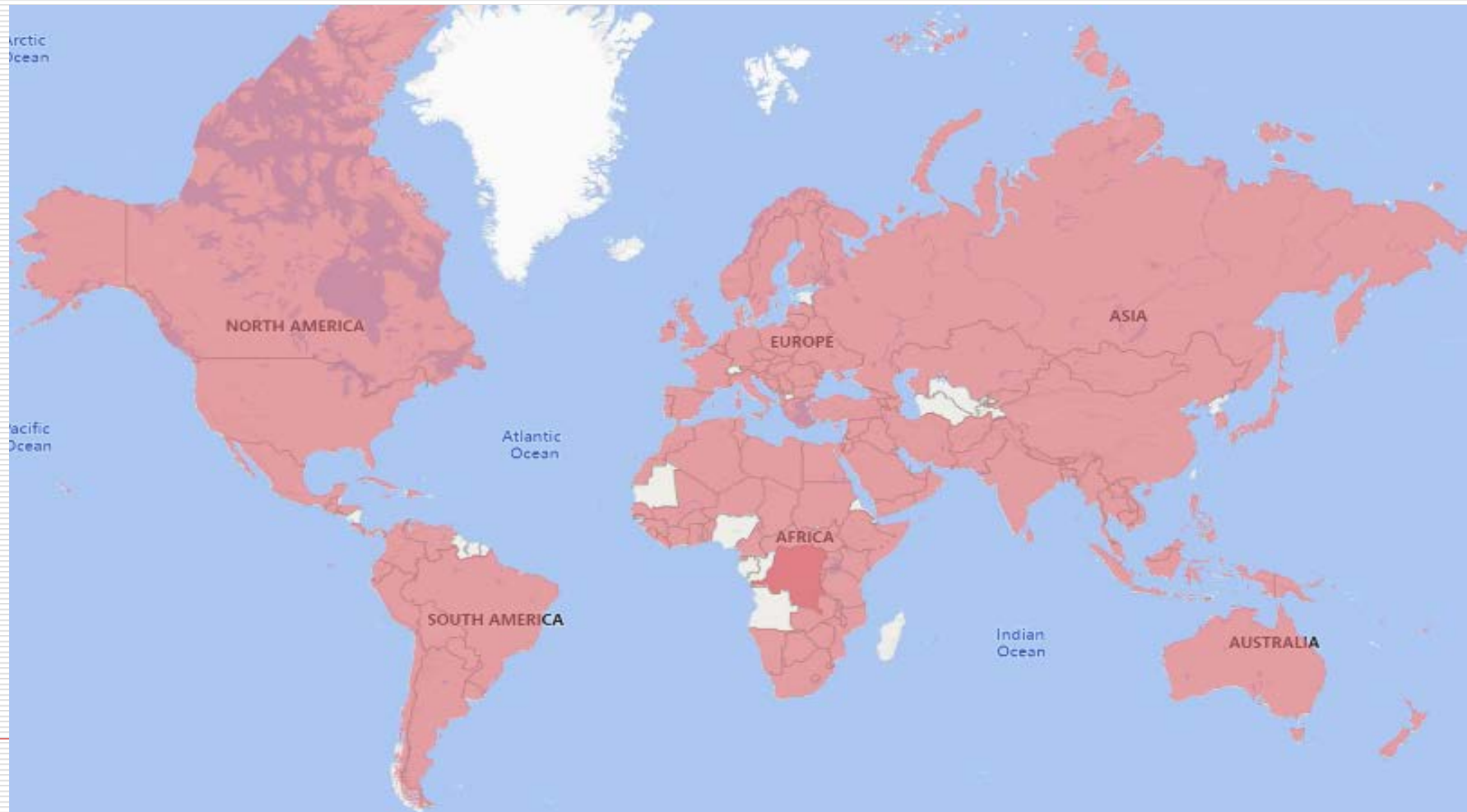
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2. Canada	01/2003	13. Jordan	10/2013
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4. Thailand	09/2004	15. Denmark	10/2015
5. Brazil	09/2005	16. South Africa	12/2016
6. Uganda	10/2006	17. Australia	10/2017
7. Ireland	09/2007	18. Italy	11/2018
8. Philippines	10/2008	19. Argentina	09/2019
9. Tanzania	10/2009	20. Virtual	09/2020
10. Luxembourg	11/2020	21. <i>Virtual</i>	<i>11/2021</i>
11. Bermuda	11/2011		

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# WG Membership as of 2021

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# WG Webinars and Trainings since WG20

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July 2021:

- Implementation of the Washington Group Question Sets training for Namibia Statistics Agency ahead of their census, in conjunction with UNFPA and UNDP

August 2021:

- Overview of Disability Measurement and the Washington Group on Disability Statistics for the Disabled Person's Organisation of Denmark with participation of OPDs from Ghana, Nepal and Rwanda

September 2021:

- WG convened informational meeting on experiences using the CFM-TV and informal group to exchange knowledge and practices was created
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# Technical Assistance to NSOs and other Public Entities since WG20

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- Gambia Bureau of Statistics
  - National Rehabilitation Center for Persons with Disabilities of Japan
  - Maldives National Bureau of Statistics
  - National Public Health Institute of Finland
  - National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico
  - Statistics New Zealand
  - United States Agency for International Development
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# Conference, Seminar and Workshop Participation since WG20

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- United Nations **Conference of State Parties** to the CRPD 2020 and 2021
  - **World Data Forum** 2020 side event on 'Persons with disabilities and COVID-19 data collection and aggregation efforts' and 2021 side event "Innovative responses to data collection about and by persons with disabilities in the time of COVID-19."
  - **Humanity and Inclusion** "Workshop on inclusive education"
  - **World Bank** "Workshop on harmonizing Disability Definitions and Classifications Across Different Data Sources: A Case Study of South Africa"
  - 20th meeting of the **Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas** of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
  - **UNESCO** "Workshop on education for health and well-being for learners with disabilities West and Central Africa"
  - 52nd **Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission**
  - **GLAD** annual meeting
  - **Inclusive Data Charter** of the Office for National Statistics of the UK workshop
  - **First Regional Meeting on Inclusive Health**, an event that was co-organized by RIADIS, UNFPA, PAHO-WHO
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# UN System Collaborations since WG20

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The Washington Group has provided technical guidance, inputs to documents, co-organized training sessions, and collaborated with the following UN entities since the WG20:

UNSD

WFP

UNICEF

UNFPA

UNPRPD

UNDP

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World Bank

UNESCO

UNHCR

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# WG – NGO/OPD Collaborations since WG20

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Tools developed by the WG have been championed by OPDs and the WG has supported various disability data initiatives by these groups, among them:

- Save the Children, Norway
  - Global Action on Disability (GLAD) Network
  - Humanity and Inclusion/Education Cannot Wait
  - Nigerian National Association of the Deaf
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# Requests for Information or Translation of WG tools since WG20

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- Catholic Relief Services
  - Centre for Disability in Development (CDD) Bangladesh
  - Christian Blind Mission (CBM)
  - Emory University, U.S.A.
  - European Disability Forum
  - Humanity and Inclusion
  - International Social Service Australia
  - Leonard Cheshire
  - The Leprosy Mission
  - National Council on Persons with Disabilities of Peru
  - NORFIL Foundation, Philippines
  - Norwegian Refugee Council
  - Overseas Advising Group (OAG)
  - Palladium
  - Practical Action
  - See You Foundation
  - Sightsavers International
  - Sustainable Solutions Timor-Leste
  - University of Auckland, New Zealand
  - University of California – San Francisco
  - VSO-Kenya
  - World Education Inc.
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# Translations

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- WG Primer is now available in the official UN languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish as well as Vietnamese and Portuguese (Standard and Brazilian)
  - Translations in these languages are also available for the Disability Severity Indicator document and the Domain Specific Disability Indicator document
  - Thank you to all countries that sent translations of the WG tools along with the country report form. These will be included in our repository of other translations
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# Application of the WG Tools Around the Globe: Results from the Country Report Forms

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# 2021 WG Country Reports:

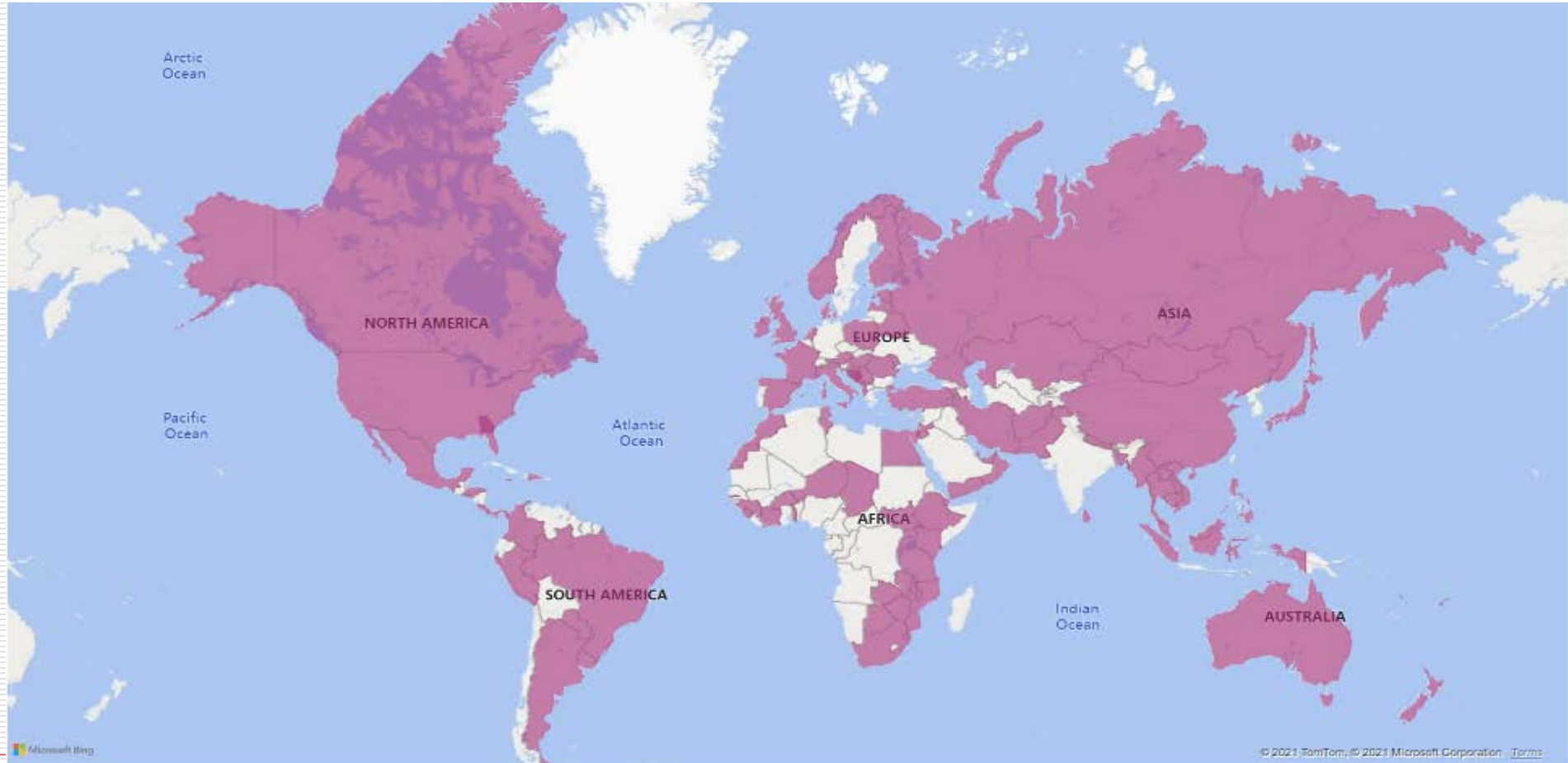
Responding Countries (n=59)



**Source:** WG Country Report Forms in 2021.

# Where in the world is the WG-SS now?

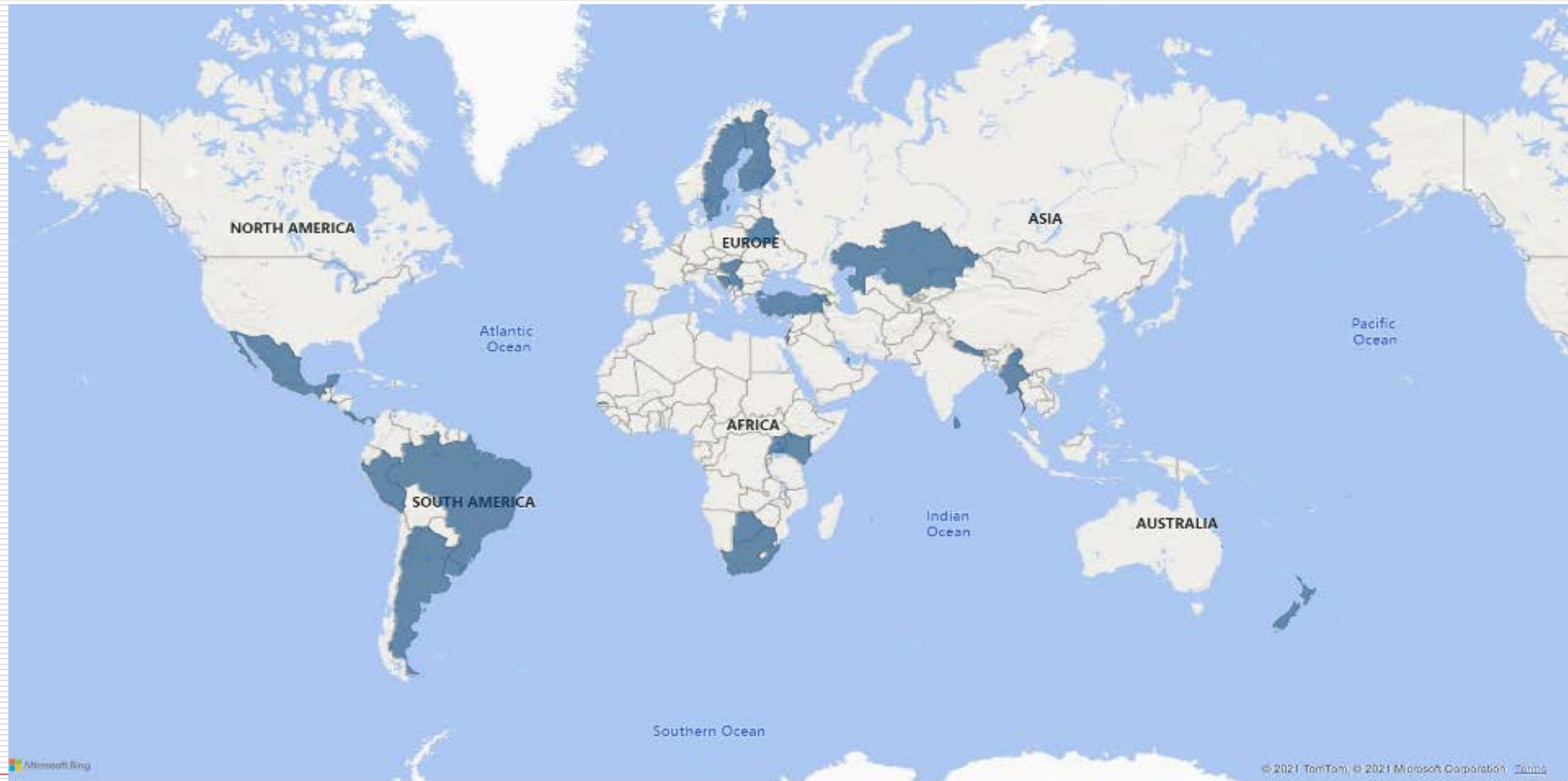
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**Source:** 2009-2020 reported use of the WG-SS in censuses or surveys in the WG Country Report Forms through 2021 (n=111).

# Where will the WG Tools be in 2021-2022?

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**Source:** reported plans to use of the WG-SS in censuses or surveys in the WG Country Report Forms in 2021 (n=34).



# Other Disability Data Collections

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- Eight countries reported that they will carry out **stand-alone disability surveys** (Argentina, Australia, Canada, the Gambia, Kenya, Qatar, Peru and Samoa)
  - The vast majority of countries that completed a country report form (n=47/59) collect **disability data in administrative records**, most often in disability registries, or in relation to social protection allowances, education or health services
  - A few countries (n=9/59) reported awareness of **COVID-19 related disability data collection**
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# Poll #1

