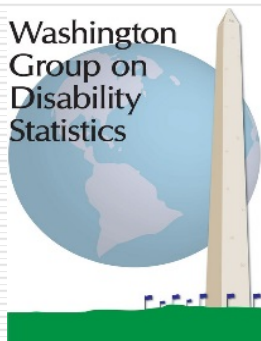


# DFAT Support to the WG

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Since 2016 DFAT has generously provided funds to support the activities of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics.

UCL has provided Administrative Support for the grant during the initial grant period 2016-2019.

# DFAT Support to the WG

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Broadly, activities covered by the grant include:

- Redesigning the WG a website
- Facilitating and supporting the provision of targeted training to national statistical offices, NGOs and DPOs.
- Supporting the dissemination of WG materials including presentations at over 16 international forums, such as the World Data Forum in Cape Town and Dubai, Global Disability Summits in London and Buenos Aires, and many relevant UN meetings.

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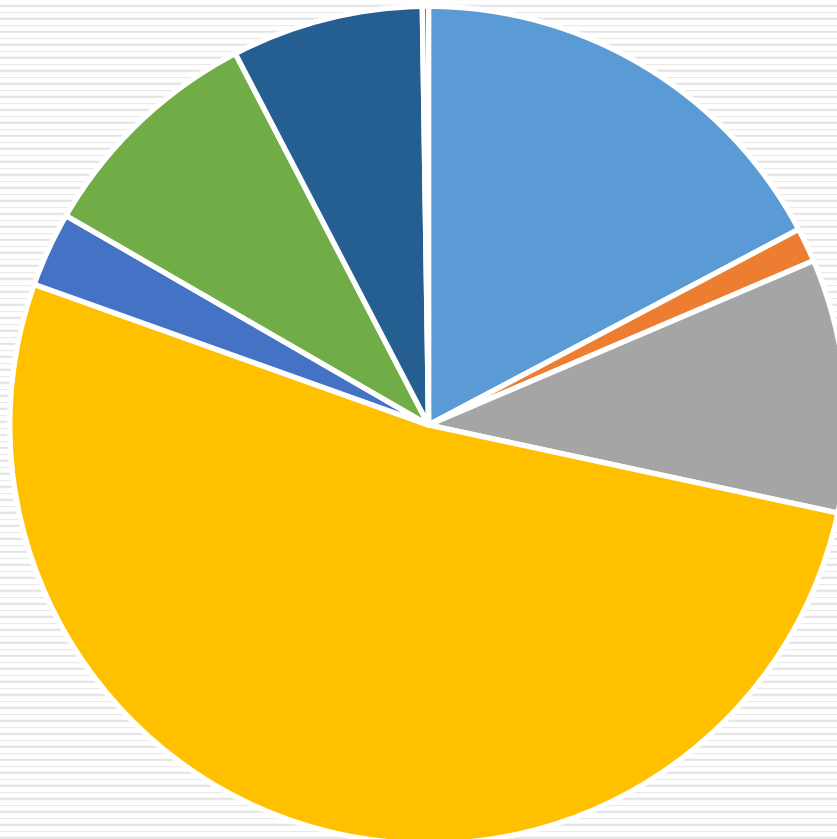
Broadly, activities covered by the grant include:

- The project has supported the WG in the generation of numerous publications, blogs and presentations.
- Supporting an active technical response capability through the WG website or directly through the Secretariat's e-mail account, thereby allowing the WG to routinely respond to requests for technical support within 24-48 hours through email, Skype or phone.

# Allocation of DFAT funds – Years 1-4

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- Salaries
- Consumables
- Consultant Salary + Travel
- Travel and Subsistence Overseas - WG Trainings
- Presence at other Int. Meetings
- Overheads
- Short Term Consultant
- In Country Testing of new Modules



# The WG: Shifting Focus

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Since its first meeting in 2002 the WG has maintained a global perspective - addressing the need for population-based measures of disability in order to

- foster international cooperation and build a global consensus on disability measurement and
- produce measures that are internationally tested and will reliably produce cross-nationally comparable disability statistics.

A core goal has been to mainstream disability statistics and ensure that they become an integral element in national statistical systems.

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# The WG: Shifting Focus

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During the past 4 years, with DFAT support, the WG has been able to continue its international work and has, in addition, begun to shift focus from providing *national* support, to building capacity *regionally*.

# Regional Workshops (2017)

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**UNSD:** on Disability Measurement and Statistics focusing on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 2020 Round of Population and Housing Censuses

Bangkok, Thailand (SE Asia)\*

Bridgetown, Barbados  
(Caribbean)

Kampala, Uganda (Africa)

Muscat, Oman (Western Asia)

Santiago, Chile (Latin America)

Almaty, Kazakhstan (Central Asia)

\* No WG representation

**UNICEF:** on Disability Measurement with a focus on Child Functioning and Disability

Tunis, Tunisia (National)

Geneva, Switzerland  
(Central Asia)

Westchester, NY (Latin America)

Westchester, NY (SE Asia+)

Dakar, Senegal (Africa)

**WG:** on Disability Measurement with a focus on the Implementation of WG tools in National Statistical Systems

**Suva, Fiji (South Pacific)**

**Casablanca, Morocco  
(Western Asia)**

**Rome, Italy (non-regional)**

**Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago (Caribbean)**

**Mexico City, Mexico  
(Latin America)**

# WG Regional Workshops (2018/2019)

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## **Implementation Workshops:**

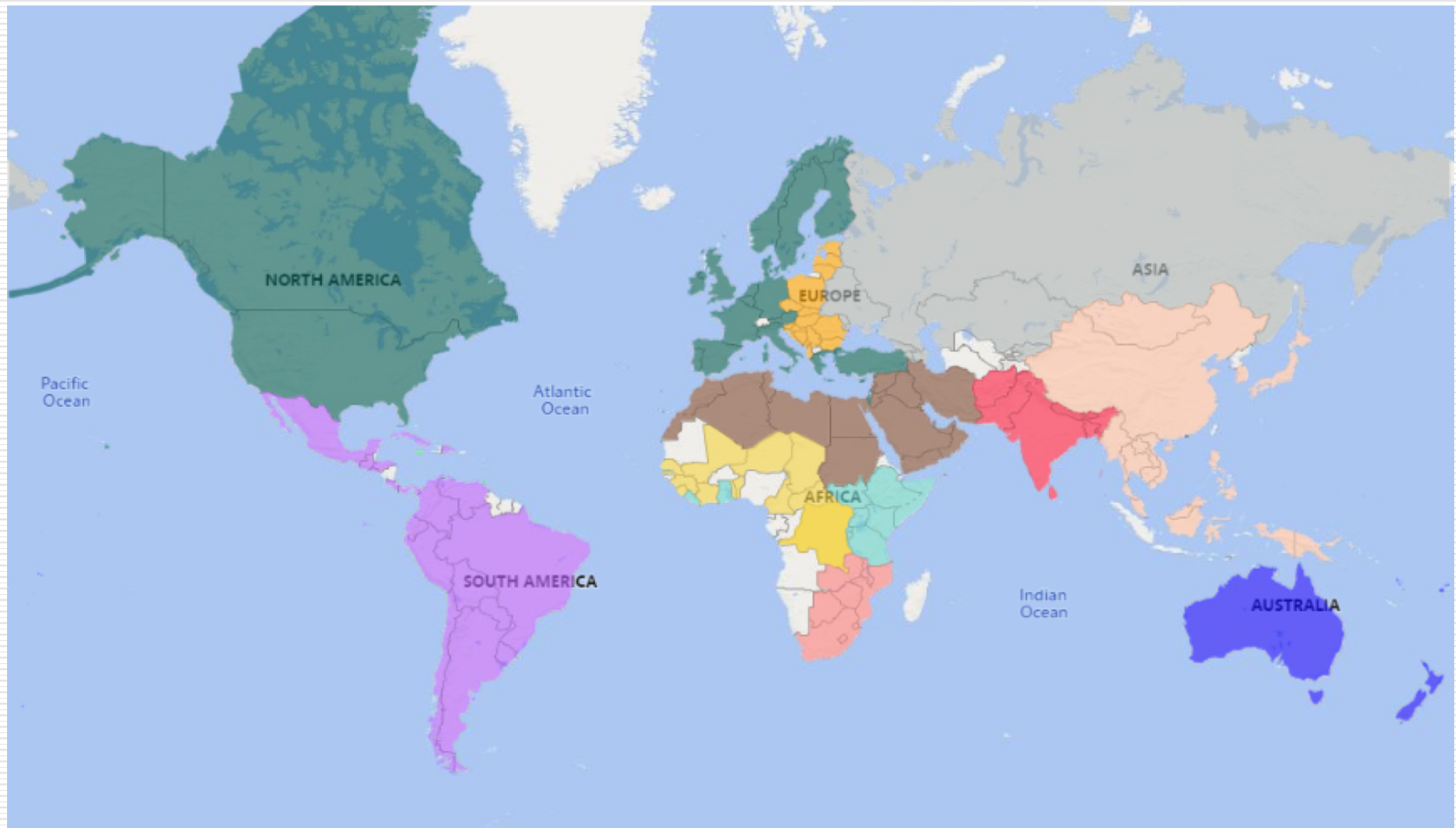
- *Bangkok, Thailand (SE Asia) April 2018*
- *Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (Africa) June 2018*
- **Dakar, Senegal (West Africa) Feb 2019**
- **Moscow, Russia (CIS countries) April 2019**
- **London, UK (South Asia/non-regional) May 2019**

# WG Focus on Regional Capacity Building

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Building on growing country-specific interest in utilizing the WG tools, the WG has begun to lay the groundwork for the establishment of regional entities that would collaborate on implementation activities and share best practices for the collection of disability data at the regional level.

# WG Membership by Region

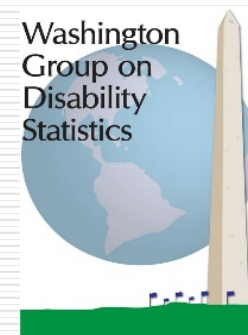


- Brazzaville Grp ● Caricom ● Casablanca Grp ● East/English Africa ● Eastern Europe ● Kathmandu Grp  
● Latin America ● Moscow Grp ● North America & "EU" ● SE Asia ● South Pacific ● Sub Saharan Africa

# Regional Guidebook to Improve Disability Data Collection and Analysis in the Arab Countries



Implementing  
the Washington  
Group Questions  
on Functioning



# Regional centers

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- Pacific Disability Statistics Working Group: representing island countries in the South Pacific
- Casablanca Group: representing the ESCWA region and Arabic-speaking countries of Northern Africa and the Middle East
- Brazzaville Group: representing countries in French-speaking and Western/Central Africa
- South Africa Group: representing countries in sub-Saharan Africa region
- Moscow Group: representing Russian-speaking countries in the CIS region
- Kathmandu Group: representing countries in the South Asian region

# Regional Centers

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During the current DFAT grant period, one Regional Center will be piloted to demonstrate how an on-going regional consortium of NSOs, working in consultation with civil society and advocacy groups, can be established as a viable and sustainable support mechanism for the on-going and accurate use of the WG methodology. The Asia-Pacific region was chosen as the pilot region.

Additionally, a meeting of all potential regional Center Directors is planned.

# Regional Centers: Initial Workplan

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This would include:

- securing membership from member countries in the region,
- developing scope of work and Terms of Reference,
- organizing meetings as needed and
- working with member countries through NSOs, civil society, researchers and advocates to meet their needs, and to ensure careful monitoring and evaluation of the pilot process to inform the establishment of future centers.

# Additional Activities 2019-2020

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The project will continue to support:

- trainings (national, NSO/DPO/NGO),
- website development,
- consultations and
- technical response teams.