



## **Seventeenth Meeting of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics**

31 October - 2 November 2017

30 October 2017 (Pre-meeting Sessions)

International Convention Centre  
Sydney, Australia

### **Detailed Program**

#### **Monday, 30 October 2017**

##### **9:00 - 11:30**

##### ***Pre-meeting Session I: Background, History, and Development of WG's Data Collection Tools***

This session will provide a brief orientation for new Washington Group (WG) members including background on the history and the development of the WG's data collection tools.

**Facilitator:**

##### **13:30 - 16:30**

##### ***Pre-meeting Session II: Important Considerations for Implementation of the WG Tools and Analysis of Resulting Data***

This session is directed to representatives from national statistical offices (NSOs) focusing on issues related to the implementation of the WG questions and the analysis of the resulting data. **NSOs currently planning or embarking on data collection or analyses are encouraged to attend to share experiences or seek more directed guidance.**

**Facilitator:**

##### **17:00 - 19:00**

***Cocktail Reception*** – Hosted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and Australian Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade (DFAT)

**Tuesday, 31 October 2017**

**8:30 - 9:00 Participant Registration**

***Session 1: Opening Session***

This session will include welcoming remarks and the keynote address; an overview of DFAT's work in Disability Inclusive Development; and an overview of the WG including recent accomplishments.

**Chair:** Paul Jelfs, ABS

**Rapporteurs:** Representatives from the WG Secretariat and ABS

**9:00 - 9:15**

- 1) Welcome to Country Ceremony

**9:15 - 9:35**

- 1) Welcome and Keynote Address  
Speaker: David Kalisch, Australian Statistician, ABS

**9:35 - 9:45**

- 2) Welcoming remarks and overview of DFAT's work in Disability Inclusive Development  
Speaker: Blair Exell, Head, Development Policy Division, DFAT

**9:45 - 10:30**

- 3) Washington Group on Disability Statistics: Overview and Accomplishments  
Presenter: Jennifer Madans, Chair, WG Steering Committee

**10:30 - 10:45 Break**

***Session 2: WG - 17 – Objectives and Agenda***

This session will include an overview of the WG's structure for governance; a review of developments since the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting; and an overview of the objectives and agenda for the 17th meeting.

**Chair:** Elena DePalma, Italy

**Rapporteurs:** Representatives from the WG Secretariat and ABS

**10:45 - 11:15**

- 1) Review of objectives and agenda for the 17th meeting  
Presenter: Jennifer Madans, USA

### ***Session 3: WG Data Collection Tools – Guidance and Resources***

This session will provide an overview of the data collection tools developed by the WG including the Short Set (SS) and Extended Question Set on Functioning (ES), and the Module on Child Functioning developed in collaboration with UNICEF. This session also will include a review of the new website, guidance documents and resources developed to support the implementation of the WG data collection tools, analysis of the data produced, and the dissemination of the resulting information.

**Chair:** Helen Nviiri, Uganda

**Rapporteurs:** Representatives from the WG Secretariat and ABS

#### **11:15 - 12:15**

- 1) Overview of the data collection tools developed by the WG  
Presenter: Mitchell Loeb, USA

#### **12:15 - 13:15 Lunch**

#### **13:15 - 14:15**

- 2) Review of the new website, guidance documents and resources developed to support the implementation of the WG data collection tools  
Presenter: Mitchell Loeb and Cordell Golden, USA

#### **14:15 - 15:15**

- 3) Questions and open discussion  
Facilitator: Jennifer Madans, USA

#### **15:15 - 15:30 Break**

### ***Session 4: WG Data Collection Tools - Best Practices, Challenges and Solutions***

This session will include a discussion of some of the challenges faced by national statistical offices when implementing the WG tools and the presentation of solutions for overcoming these challenges.

**Chair:** Daniel Mont, Center for Inclusive Policy

**Rapporteurs:** Representatives from the WG Secretariat and ABS

**Documents:**

- 1) Data Collection Tools Developed by the Washington Group
- 2) The Washington Group Short Set on Functioning
- 3) Translation of the Washington Group Tools
- 4) The Washington Group Short Set on Functioning Question Specifications
- 5) Analytic Guidelines for the Washington Group Short Set
- 6) Analytic Guidelines for the Washington Group Extended Set

#### **15:30 - 16:30**

- 1) Review of best practices when implementing the WG tools  
Presenter: Mitchell Loeb, USA

**16:30 - 17:15**

- 2) Discussion of some of the challenges faced by NSOs when implementing the WG tools and the presentation of solutions  
Facilitator: Daniel Mont, Center for Inclusive Policy

**Wednesday, 1 November 2017**

***Session 5: Measuring Environmental Factors and Participation***

This session will focus on the WG's work to develop questions designed to measure environmental factors and participation. The session will include an overview of the WG's collaboration with UNICEF to develop the questions intended for the measurement of inclusive education for children. The session will also include an overview of the WG's and International Labor Organization's collaboration to develop a disability module intended for the use in labor force surveys.

**Chair:** Margie Schneider, University of Cape Town

**Rapporteurs:** Representatives from the WG Secretariat and ABS

**9:00 - 9:30**

- 1) Review of additional work on the WG/UNICEF Module on Inclusive Education for Children and discussion of next steps  
Presenter: Elena DePalma, Italy

**9:30 - 10:15**

- 2) Review of additional work on the development of a disability module intended for use in labor force surveys and discussion of next steps  
Presenter: Daniel Mont, Center for Inclusive Policy

**10:15 - 10:30 Break**

***Session 6: Development of Measures Specific to Mental Health***

This session will include an update on the work to develop measures specific to mental health.

**Chair:** Elena DePalma, Italy

**Rapporteurs:** Representatives from the WG Secretariat and ABS

**10:30 - 11:30**

- 1) Update from the mental health workgroup: Presentation of goals, previous work, further analysis of the WG affect questions, and recommendations  
Presenter: Islay Mactaggart, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

**11:30- 12:00**

- 2) Potential enhancements to the WG tools to more completely cover mental health functioning  
Presenter: Margie Schneider, University of Cape Town

**12:00 - 12:30**

- 3) Discussion on next steps for the Mental Health workgroup

Facilitators: Margie Schneider, University of Cape Town and

Islay Mactaggart, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

**12:30 - 13:30 Lunch**

***Session 7: Implementation and Capacity Building – Next Steps***

This session will include an update on the WG's partnership with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) to support the implementation of the WG data collection tools in national data collections, the analysis of the data produced and the dissemination of the information to inform policies and programs and improve international disability statistics. This session will also include a discussion of next steps in furthering the WG's implementation and capacity building efforts.

**Chair:** Mika Kontianinen, DFAT

**Rapporteurs:** Representatives from the WG Secretariat and ABS

**13:30 - 14:30**

- 1) Update on the WG's partnership with the DFAT, regional implementation workshops and discussion of future plans for capacity building

Presenters: Mika Kontianinen, DFAT and Jennifer Madans, USA

***Session 8: Disability in Australia and New Zealand***

This session, led by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, will include presentations focusing on the collection of disability related data in Australia and New Zealand.

**Chair:** Justine Boland, ABS

**Rapporteurs:** Representatives from the WG Secretariat and ABS

**Documents:**

**14:30 – 15:15**

- 1) Using the WG Short Set in Australia: Results from the Supplementary Disability Survey

Presenter: Cathy Etherington, ABS

**15:15 - 15:30 Break**

**15:30 – 15:45**

- 2) Disability data and Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population

Presenter: Michael Bullot, Centre for Excellence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statistics, ABS

**15:45 – 16:00**

- 3) Using the WG Short Set in New Zealand: Results from Two Household Surveys

Presenter: Elodie Green, Statistics New Zealand

**16:00 – 16:30**

- 4) Q & A and Discussion

***Session 9: Measuring Disability in Asia and the Pacific Region using the WG questions***

This session will focus on the collection of disability data in Asia and the Pacific region using the WG's data collection tools, including presentations by representatives from NSOs and non-governmental organizations on their experiences.

**Chair:** Mitch Loeb, USA

**Rapporteurs:** Representatives from the WG Secretariat and ABS

**16:30 - 16:45**

- 1) Use of the WG Extended Set on Functioning and WG/UNICEF Child Functioning Module in the Vietnam Disability Survey  
Presenter: Nguyen Ding Chung, Vietnam

**16:45 - 17:00**

- 2) Experiences field testing the WG Extended Set on Functioning and WG/UNICEF Child Functioning Module in Thailand  
Presenter: Arpaporn Amonthum, Thailand

**17:00 - 17:15**

- 3) Pacific Disability Forum's Experiences using the WG Short Set in the Pacific Region  
Presenter: Setareki Macanawai, Pacific Disability Forum

**17:15 - 17:30**

- 4) Overview of the collection on disability data in Cambodia  
Presenter: Phan Chinda, Cambodia

**17:30 - 17:45**

- 5) Use of the WG/UNICEF Child Functioning Module for disaggregation by disability status in Fiji's Education Management Information System  
Presenter: Beth Sprunt, Nossal Institute for Global Health, University of Melbourne

**Thursday, 2 November 2017**

***Session 10: Country Experiences and Activities Related to Disability Statistics***

This session will include a summary of the country reports, presentations of experiences using the WG data collection tools and other activities related to disability statistics.

**Chair:** Mitchell Loeb, USA

**Rapporteurs:** Representatives from the WG Secretariat and ABS

**Documents:**

**9:00 - 9:15**

- 1) Summary of annual activities related to disability statistics  
Presenter: Cordell Golden, USA

**9:15 - 9:45**

- 2) Using the WG Short Set in the US: Results from the US National Health Interview Survey (NHIS)  
Presenter: Jennifer Madans, USA

**9:45 - 10:00**

- 3) Use of WG Short Set for Emergency Situations  
Presenter: Ulrike Last, Handicap International

**10:00 - 10:15**

- 4) Use of Washington Group Short Set of Questions: Summary from Uganda Demographic Health Survey 2011 and Secondary Data Analysis Opportunity  
Presenter: Hasheem Mannan, University College Dublin

**10:15 - 10:30 Break**

***Session 11: Next Steps and Objectives for the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting***

The Steering Committee chair will lead a discussion providing updates on WG governance issues; summarizing the accomplishments of the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting; outlining next steps; announcing the dates and location of the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and determining objectives for this meeting; soliciting volunteers to host the 19<sup>th</sup> WG meeting; and will provide closing remarks.

**Chair:** Cordell Golden, USA

**Rapporteurs:** Representatives from the WG Secretariat and ABS

**10:30 – 11:30**

- 1) Discussion of next steps, objectives for the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and closing remarks  
Presenter: Jennifer Madans, USA

**11:30 – 11:55**

*Depart for Lunch Cruise*

**12:00 - 15:30**

*Lunch Cruise – Hosted by ABS and DFAT*