Eighteenth Meeting of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics

7-9 November 2018 (Formal meeting)
6 November 2018 (Pre-meeting Sessions)

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Headquarters
Rome, Italy

Detailed Program

Day 1 - Tuesday, 6 November 2018

8:30 - 9:00   Participant Registration for Pre-meeting Sessions

➕ **9:00 - 9:30   Welcome Coffee**

➕ **9:30 - 12:30**
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.
Facilitators: WG Secretariat

➕ **12:30 - 14:00 Lunch**

➕ **14:00 - 17:00**
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.
Facilitators: WG Secretariat

Day 2 - Wednesday, 7 November 2018

8:30 - 9:00   Participant Registration for Formal meeting

➕ **9:00 - 9:30   Welcome Coffee**

Session 1: Opening Session
This session will include welcoming remarks; provide practical information; review of developments since the last meeting; and review the objectives and agenda for the 18th meeting.
Chair: Elena De Palma, Istat
Rapporteurs: WG Secretariat

➕ **9:30 - 10:00**
1) Welcome remarks by:
   - Paul Winters, Associate Vice President, Strategy and Knowledge Department, IFAD
   - Charlotte McClain-Nhlapo, Global Disability Advisor, World Bank
   - Vittoria Buratta, Director, Directorate for Social Statistics and Population Census, Istat

➕ **10:00 - 10:45**
2) Washington Group on Disability Statistics: Overview and Objectives for the 18th meeting
   Presenter: Jennifer Madans, Chair, WG Steering Committee

➕ **10:45 - 11:00 Break**

Session 2: International Developments in Disability Measurement
This session will include reports on projects related to disability measurement by the World Bank, IFAD, and Eurostat.
Chair: Pierluigi Montalbano, La Sapienza University
Rapporteurs: WG Secretariat

➕ **11:00 - 11:20**
1) Overview of the World Bank's projects related to disability
   Presenter: Charlotte McClain-Nhlapo, World Bank

➕ **11:20 - 11:40**
2) Overview of IFAD - Supporting the productive activities of rural people with disabilities
   Presenter: Sara Savastano, Director, Research and Impact Assessment Division

➕ **11:40 - 12:00**
3) Developments in the area of disability statistics in the context of the ongoing modernization of the European Social Surveys
   Presenter: Lucian Agafitei, Eurostat

- **12:00 - 12:30**
4) Q & A and Discussion

- **12:30 - 14:00 Lunch**

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-F), 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: Arpaporn Amonthum, Thailand
Rapporteurs: WG Secretariat
Documents: 1) Disability Measurement and Monitoring using the Washington Group Disability Questions
2) Data Collection Tools Developed by the Washington Group
3) The Washington Group Short Set on Functioning
4) Analytic Guidelines for the Washington Group Short Set
5) Analytic Guidelines for the Washington Group Extended Set

- **14:00 - 14:45**
1) Overview of the WG data collection tools and guidelines for analysis of data collected
Presenter: Mitchell Loeb, USA

- **14:45 - 15:30**
2) Review of the new website, guidance documents and resources developed to support the implementation of the WG data collection tools
Presenter: Julie Weeks, USA

- **15:30 - 15:45 Break**

Session 4: Monitoring the UN CRPD and SDGs through Data Disaggregation
This session will focus on the use of the WG data collection tools to monitor the UN Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through data disaggregation.
Chair: Robert C. B. Buluma, Kenya
Rapporteurs: WG Secretariat
Document: 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Selected SDG Indicators Disaggregated by Disability Status

- **15:45 - 16:30**
  1) Presentation of result from feasibility exercise on the use of the WG data collection tools for disaggregation of SDG indicators by disability status
     Presenter: Mitchell Loeb, USA

- **16:30 - 17:00**
  2) Questions and open discussion

- **17:00 - 19:00** *Meet & Greet – Sponsored by the Washington Group with support from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade (DFAT)*

Day 3 - Thursday, 8 November 2018

- **9:00 - 9:30   Welcome Coffee**

Session 5: Strategies for Dissemination of Data Collected using the WG Question Sets
This session will include a discussion of strategies for the dissemination of the data collected using the questions developed by the WG.
Rapporteurs: WG Secretariat

- **9:30 - 10:00**
  1) Discussion of strategies for disseminating information collected using the WG questions
     Facilitator: Julie Weeks, USA

Session 6: 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: Xoliswa Ndamase, South Africa
Rapporteurs: WG Secretariat

- **10:00 - 10:20**
  1) Review of additional work on the WG/UNICEF Module on Inclusive Education for Children and discussion of next steps
     Presenter: Mitchell Loeb, USA

- **10:20 - 10:45**
  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

- **10:45 - 11:00 Break**

Session 7: *Development of Measures Specific to Psychosocial Functioning*
This session will include an update on the work to develop measures specific to psychosocial functioning.
Chair: Julie Weeks, USA
Rapporteurs: WG Secretariat
Document: Recap of Affect question analysis presentation - 17th WG meeting

- **11:00 - 11:30**
  1) WG Mental Health and Psychosocial Functioning Work Group Update
     Presenters: Marguerite Schneider, University of Cape Town and Elena De Palma, Istat

- **11:30 - 12:00**
  2) Discussion of next steps for workgroup focusing on measures specific to psychosocial functioning
     Facilitators: Marguerite Schneider, University of Cape Town and Elena De Palma, Istat

- **12:00 - 12:30**
  3) Psychosocial disability and the Washington Group Short Set - an Australian perspective
     Presenter: Cathy Etherington, ABS

➕ **12:30 - 14:00 Lunch**

Session 8: Uses of Administrative Systems to Collect Information on Disability
This session will focus on the use of administrative systems for the collection of disability information.
Chair: Marguerite Schneider, University of Cape Town
Rapporteurs: WG Secretariat
Document: Testing Disability Measurement Tools in the Public Sector

➕ **14:00 - 14:30**
1) Use of administrative systems to obtain disability information: challenges and limitations
    Presenter: Daniel Mont, Center for Inclusive Policy

➕ **14:30 - 15:00**
2) Overview of pilot project to measure disability in public institutions in South Africa
    Presenter: Xoliswa Ndamase, Statistics South Africa

➕ **15:00 - 15:15**
3) A project for a statistical register of persons with disabilities in Italy
    Presenter: Alessandro Pallara, Istat

➕ **15:15 - 15:45**
4) Discussion of next steps for the WG related to administrative systems and disability

➕ **15:45 - 16:00 Break**

Session 9: International Collaborations
This session will include an update from the Titchfield City Group on Ageing. The session will also 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 through regional workshops. This session will also include a discussion of next steps in furthering the WG's implementation and capacity building efforts.
Chair: Mitchell Loeb, USA
Rapporteurs: WG Secretariat

➕ **16:00 - 16:15**
1) Update from the Titchfield City Group on Ageing
    Presenters: Elena DePalma, Istat and Xoliswa Ndamase, Statistics South Africa

- **16:15 - 17:00**
2) Update on the WG's partnership with the DFAT, regional implementation workshops and discussion of future plans for capacity building
   Presenter: Jennifer Madans, USA

Day 4 - Friday, 9 November 2018

- **9:00 - 9:30   Welcome Coffee**

Session 10: Innovative Applications of the WG Questions
This session will include presentations by representatives from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine - LSHTM (on behalf of the World Federation of the Deafblind and the International Disability Alliance and LSHTM), Humanity & Inclusion (HI), Sightsavers and Leonard Cheshire Disability (LCD) at University College London (UCL) on projects using the WG questions.
Chair: Anna Troitskaya, Russia
Rapporteurs: WG Secretariat

- **9:30 - 9:45**
1) Using WG data from big data sets to identify invisible groups
   Presenter: Islay Mactaggart, LSHTM

- **9:45 - 10:00**
2) Presentation of results from HI's Humanitarian Innovation Evidence Programme (HIEP) research project
   Presenter: Pauline Thivillier, HI

- **10:00 - 10:20**
3) The Inclusive Data Charter: Sightsavers' experience from planning to practice
   Presenter: Jennie Bell and Emma Jolley, Sightsavers

- **10:20 - 10:35**
4) The Leonard Cheshire Working Group on Disability Data: How NGOs are Implementing the WG Questions
   Presenter: Nora Groce, LCD UCL

- **10:35 - 10:50 Break**

Session 11: Country Experiences and Activities Related to Disability Statistics
This session will include a summary of the country reports, presentations of country experiences using the WG data collection tools and other activities related to disability statistics.
Chair: Cathy Etherington, Australia
Rapporteurs: WG Secretariat

- **10:50 - 11:05**
  1) Summary of annual activities related to disability statistics
     Presenter: Cordell Golden, USA

- **11:05 - 11:20**
  2) Current status of work related to disability statistics in China
     Presenter: Xiaoying Zheng, Peking University

Session 12: Next Steps and Objectives for the 19th Meeting
The Steering Committee chair will lead a discussion providing updates on WG governance issues; summarizing the accomplishments of the 18th meeting; outlining next steps; announcing the dates and location of the 19th meeting and determining objectives for this meeting; and soliciting volunteers to host the 20th WG meeting; The session will also include closing remarks from the meeting hosts.
Chair: Jennifer Madans, USA
Rapporteurs: WG Secretariat

- **11:20 - 12:15**
  1) Discussion of next steps and objectives for the 19th meeting
     Presenter: Jennifer Madans, USA

- **12:15 - 12:30**
  2) Closing remarks
     Speaker: Paul Winters, Associate Vice President, Strategy and Knowledge Department, IFAD

- **12:30 - 14:00**
  3) Workgroups to meet during lunch to plan next steps