

The Washington Group on Disability Statistics

Investing in Regional Capacity



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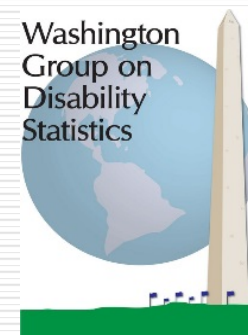
WG Focus on Regional Capacity Building

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.

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



Implementing
the Washington
Group Questions
on Functioning



Regional Centers

- 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

During the current DFAT grant period, one Regional Center will be piloted to demonstrate how a 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 implementation of the WG tools and methodology – on a regional basis. The Asia-Pacific region has been chosen as the pilot region.

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

Regional Centers: Initial Workplan

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.

Regional Capacity Building in LAC

Open discussion:

- interest in developing a LAC center
- needs and expectations