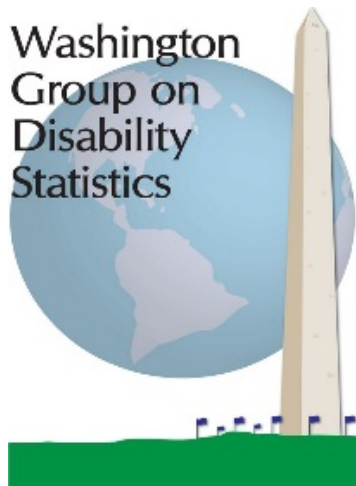


# 2021 Mid-Year Meeting

## Washington Group on Disability Statistics

Virtual Meeting  
May 26, 2021



09:30 – 12:00 US EDT  
13:30 – 16:00 UTC / GMT

Schedule I

18:00 – 20:30 US EDT  
20:00 – 22:30 UTC / GMT

Schedule II

# Mid-Year Meeting

Washington Group  
Casablanca Disability

May 2021

# What is Casa Group for Disability Statistics in the Arab Countries

A technical group for improving disability statistics in the Arabic countries

Consists of representatives from national statistical offices together with international and UN agencies and a group of experts.

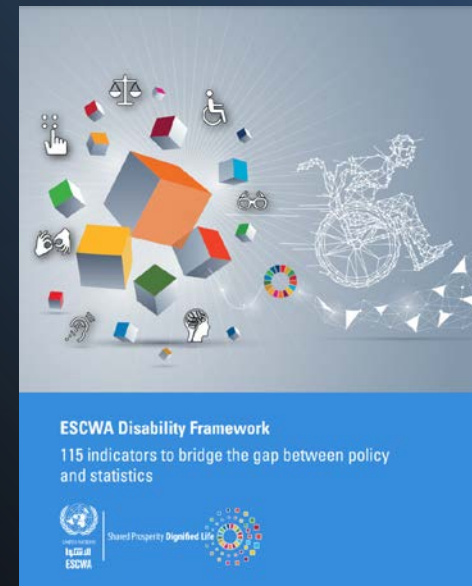
Casa Group was established in response to a main recommendation of the Casablanca workshop organized by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) in collaboration with the Washington Group, entitled "Improving Disability Statistics in the Arab Countries" held on April 17, 2017, Morocco.

# The main reason for establishing CASA Group

- To break the language barrier and encourage the Arabic countries to use WG questions as a main tool for collecting data on disability.
- Developing and improving production of comparable indicators related to persons with disabilities in the Arab region.

# What was done

- Several meetings were conducted during the past 3 years under the ESCWA umbrella.
- In 2020 an expert group were established as a sub-group to discuss and develop the Disability statics in the Arabic region.
- Several publication have been prepared, the most important are:
  - Disability Glossary 172 terms and definitions in English/Arabic
  - Regional Guidebook to Improve Disability Data Collection and Analysis
  - ESCWA 115 Disability Indicator Framework linking SDG - CRPD  
(Available at ESCWA web site)



# Way forward!

- Building capacity of statisticians working in this field
- Disability statistics under crises and COVID 19.
- Working with ESCWA to built Disability Database in the Arab region (2021 new round of data collection)