

# 2021 Mid-Year Meeting

## Washington Group on Disability Statistics

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Virtual Meeting  
May 26, 2021

Schedule I	09:30 – 12:00 US EDT 13:30 – 16:00 UTC / GMT
Schedule II	18:00 – 20:30 US EDT 20:00 – 22:30 UTC / GMT

# Session 1

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## Opening and Welcome

Jennifer Madans  
Chair, Washington Group

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# WG 2020 Agreements

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- Continue refinements to improve the **accessibility and user-friendliness of the WG website** based on feedback received - **ongoing**
  - Finalize **analytic guidance documents**, including the development of severity indicators and domain-specific indicators - **accomplished**
  - **Develop syntax** to be used with other statistical and analytical software platforms (SAS, SPSS, Stata and CPro) - **accomplished**
  - Identify **additional countries with data to replicate analyses** – **still waiting**
  - Continue **development of standard templates for reporting data collected using the WG tools**, including the exploration of standard approaches for age-adjustment – **ongoing**
  - Continue **Work Group** activities - **ongoing**
  - Continue work to **establish, support and strengthen Regional Disability Statistics Groups** - **ongoing**
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# Mid-Year Meeting Objectives

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- Share WG updates since the 20<sup>th</sup> annual meeting held September 20-22, 2021.
  - Advance discussions around dissemination of disability data using WG tools.
    - Work session on age-adjustment
    - Consideration of a new work group
    - Revisit disability reporting using a standard template
  - Share updates and work plans from:
    - Work Group leaders
    - Regional Disability Statistics Group leaders
  - Discuss plans and format for 21<sup>st</sup> annual meeting.
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# WG Steering Committee Activities

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- Decision to hold mid-year meeting
  - Decision to hold 2021 annual meeting virtually
    - KNBS support to host next in-person meeting
  - Modifications of Governance document
    - Added Regional Disability Groups
    - Added option for a vice-Chair position
    - Expanded Steering Committee to include Regional Group leaders
    - Included preference for membership
    - Welcome to new regional member:
      - Riyaza Fathimath – representative for Asia and Pacific
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# Washington Group Secretariat News

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- Staffing updates
- WG support
  - DFAT Grant (2015-2020)
  - Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
    - Support for two Regional Disability Statistics Groups in Africa
      - Brazzaville Group
      - South and East Africa Group
    - Approximately 16-month plan
    - Administered by UCL



# Activities and Accomplishments

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## I. Meetings

- DANE/Colombia
  - World Food Programme
  - National Public Health Institute of Finland
  - GIZ/Rwanda
  - National Federation of Organizations of Persons with Disability of Honduras
  - UNHCR
  - Save the Children
  - National Democratic Institute
  - American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative
  - WG regional disability statistics groups
  - UNICEF to discuss collaboration and joint products/tools
  - GIZ/BMZ on supporting regional disability groups in Africa
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## II. Technical assistance

- Maldives NSO on the disability analysis based on the 2019 HIES survey
- Gambia NSO in preparation for the Child Disability Survey

## III. Conference, seminar and workshop participation

- Conference of State Parties to the CRPD 2020
  - World Data Forum side even on 'Persons with disabilities and covid-19 data collection and aggregation efforts'
  - Humanity and Inclusion "Workshop on inclusive education"
  - Statistics South Africa "Workshop on harmonizing Disability Definitions and Classifications Across Different Data Sources: A Case Study of South Africa"
  - 20th meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
  - UNESCO "Workshop on education for health and well-being for learners with disabilities West and Central Africa"
  - 52nd Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission
  - GLAD annual meeting
  - Inclusive Data Charter of the Office for National Statistics of the UK workshop
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## **IV. Requests for information or translations of WG tools**

- Catholic Relief Services
  - Centre for Disability in Development (CDD) Bangladesh
  - Christian Blind Mission (CBM)
  - European Disability Forum
  - Humanity and Inclusion
  - Leonard Cheshire
  - National Council on Persons with Disabilities of Peru
  - Norwegian Refugee Council
  - Overseas Advising Group (OAG)
  - Palladium
  - See You Foundation
  - Sightsavers International
  - Sustainable Solutions Timor-Leste
  - University of Auckland
  - University of California – San Francisco
  - VSO-Kenya
  - World Education Inc.
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