



# Dhaka Conference *Disability and Disaster Risk Management*

12 - 14 December 2015

*Organized by*

*Ministry of Disaster Management & Relief  
Ministry of Social Welfare  
Government of The People's Republic of Bangladesh  
and  
Centre for Disability in Development (CDD)*

## **Why this Conference?**

### **Broad Objective**

Identify concrete actions to rollout Sendai Framework for DRR 2015-2030 with meaningful participation and contributions by persons with disabilities and their organizations in its planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting process.

### **Specific objectives:**

1. Share ideas for inclusive implementation of Sendai Framework for DRR.
2. Strongly advocate for disability inclusion in all disaster concerned policies, frameworks, resource allocation, programmes and ensure its monitoring and reporting.
3. Exchange innovative practices and share new knowledge & tools on disability inclusive disaster risk and crises management. And to focus on "how to" implement disability inclusive disaster risk and crises management by mainstream DRR and Humanitarian actors.
4. Highlight contributions of persons with disabilities, Disabled Peoples Organizations (DPOs) and organizations working on disability issues in the field of disaster risk and crises management.
5. Launch and introduce the book 'Crises, Conflict and Disability: Ensuring Equality'.

The **Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030** (Sendai Framework) is the first major agreement of the post-2015 development agenda with seven targets and four priorities for action. It recognizes that the State has the primary role to reduce disaster risk but that responsibility should be shared with other stakeholders including local government, the private sector and other stakeholders. It aims for the following outcome:

*The substantial reduction of disaster risk and losses in lives, livelihoods and health and in the economic, physical, social, cultural and environmental assets of persons, businesses, communities and countries.*

It was endorsed by the UN General Assembly following the 2015 Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR).

Details at <http://www.unisdr.org/we/coordinate/sendai-framework>

### **Chief Guest to the opening ceremony:**

Sheikh Hasina, the Honourable Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (To be confirmed)

### **Representation of United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR):**

UNISDR will be represented by Dr. Jerry Velasquez, Chief, Advocacy and Outreach Section.

### **Council of Advisors of the Conference:**

1. Chief Adviser: Ms. Saima Hossain, Member WHO's Expert Advisory Panel on Mental Health and Chairperson of National Advisory Committee on Autism, Bangladesh.
2. Advisory Council Member: Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief
3. Advisory Council Member: Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare

<b>Organizers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ministry of Disaster Management &amp; Relief</li><li>• Ministry of Social Welfare, Government of Bangladesh, and</li><li>• Centre for Disability in Development (CDD)</li></ul> <b>Associate Organizer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ministry of Women and Children Affairs</li></ul>	<b>In Collaboration With</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)</li></ul>
<b>Co-organizers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local Government Division (LGD)</li><li>• Department of Disaster Management (DDM)</li><li>• Department of Social Services (DSS)</li><li>• Jatiyo Protibondhi Unnayan Foundation (JPUF)</li><li>• Neuro Developmental Disability Trust (NDDT)</li></ul>	<b>Co-organizers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies (IDMVS), Dhaka University.</li><li>• National Forum of Organizations Working with the Disabled (NFOWD)</li><li>• Bangladesh Disaster Preparedness Centre (BDPC)</li></ul>
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<b>Secretariat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National Forum of Organizations Working with the Disabled (NFOWD)</li></ul>	

### **Theme:**

Disability inclusive Disaster Risk Management in Post 2015 agenda.

### **Sub-Themes:**

1. Voices and roles of persons with disabilities and Disabled People's Organizations (DPOs) in Disaster Risk Management (DRM).
2. DRM for the most at risks including Persons with Neuro developmental disability, Mental health, and other persons with profound disabilities;
3. Women, Children & Youths with disabilities in DRM.
4. Innovative and inclusive practices on DRM, Crises Management/Humanitarian Actions and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA);
5. National and Local government in DRM and Crises Management (Humanitarian Response);

6. Importance of (a) research and studies; (b) technology and accessible information management system in DRM.
7. From Practice to Policy Support: Considering disability inclusion in improving basic services in DRM, for example (a) water-supply, (b) sanitation, (c) health, (d) education, (e) livelihood.
8. Disability inclusion as a vector (carrier) for stronger inclusive community resilience including recovery and reconstruction.

### Speakers, panelist and moderators:

The conference will bring together renowned national and international speakers, panelist and moderators in the field of disability and disaster risk management. Speakers will also include persons with disabilities who have contributed in this field. International speakers include (a) **Ms. Valerie Karr, Phd** Assistant Professor, International Development, School for Global Inclusion and Social Development, University of Massachusetts, Boston, USA.; Editor of the Book "Crises, Conflict and Disability", (b) **Ms. Valerie Scherrer**, Director, Emergency Response Unit CBM, and the focal point for Conflict and Emergency of the International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC) (c) **Mr. Karlos Kaiser**, Executive Director of ONG Inclusiva, Chile and others.

**Book launching event:** "Crises, Conflict and Disability".

**Participants:** Policy makers, practitioners, academicians, researchers, students from the fields of development; especially disability, humanitarian action / crises management, disaster risk management and climate change sectors from Government, Local Government, NGOs, DPOs, Universities, Private Sector and other relevant institutions.

**Venue:** Krishibid Institution Bangladesh (KIB), Dhaka, Bangladesh.

### Events: What is what?

Key Note Plenary Session	Leading national and international figures from disability and DRM sectors will be invited as speakers. (Audience size apx 500)
Concurrent Session (Minimum 9 sessions planned with 27 to 30 presentations)	Speakers will be selected from abstracts submitted. Each concurrent session is planned for 75 to 90 minutes focusing on one specific sub-theme. Each concurrent session will accommodate maximum 4 speakers. Each presentation will be for maximum 15 minutes. For effective time management Q-A will take place after completion of all presentations. (Audience size apx 100)
Ignite Stage (Maximum 30 presentations)	Speakers to be selected from abstract submitted on sub-themes. Each speaker will have 15 minutes for presentation including Q-A. (Audience size apx 30)
Market Place (Stall)	Organizations and agencies will need to submit a concept note on its Stall.
Special Event (Minimum 6 sessions planned)	Leading organizations from disability and DRM sector will engage prominent national and international speakers to share learning, experiences and future considerations for inclusive DRM. (Audience size 100+)

### Key Dates:

Registration of Participants	<b>Early Bird</b> – 1 <sup>st</sup> September to 31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2015 <b>Late</b> – 1 <sup>st</sup> November to 30 <sup>th</sup> November, 2015
Submissions for (a) Concurrent Sessions (b) Ignite Stage	<b>Abstract:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> September to 15 <sup>th</sup> October, 2015 <b>Confirmation:</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> October, 2015 <b>Presentation, full paper, Author's / Presenters Profile:</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> November
Concept for (a) Special Events (b) Market Place / Stalls	<b>Concept note submissions:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> September to 15 <sup>th</sup> October, 2015 <b>Confirmation:</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> October; <b>Deposit of fees:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> November, 2015 <b>Submission of presentations / papers (Special Events):</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> November, 2015

## Program Outline:

Date	Morning sessions – One 09:00 to 11:00			Morning sessions – Two 11:30 to 01:00	Afternoon sessions – One 02:00 to 03:15	Afternoon sessions – Two 03:30 to 05:00	
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> (Friday)					On-site Registration & Distribution of Conference Package (PR-DCP)	Registration Press Conference with selected Advisory, Scientific & Organizing Committee members on Conference Purpose, expectation and Design	
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> (Saturday)	Registration	Conference Opening with Book Launching and Cultural Show	Market place (Stalls) Opening	Key note plenary session (By Invited National & International Resource Persons)	Lunch	Concurrent Session (Sub-theme 1)	Special Event - 1
						Concurrent Session (Sub-theme 2)	
				Market place (Stalls)		Concurrent Session (Sub-theme 3)	Special Event - 2
				Market place (Stalls)		Market place and Ignite Stage	Market place and Ignite Stage
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> (Sunday)	Concurrent Session (Sub-theme 4)			Morning Tea		Concurrent Session (Sub-theme 7)	Panel and Audience discussion on 'Disability inclusive Disaster Risk Management in Post – 2015 Agenda.' And moving forward from the conference.
	Concurrent Session (Sub-theme 5)				Special Event - 3	Concurrent Session (Sub-theme 8)	
	Concurrent Session (Sub-theme 6)				Special Event - 4	Concurrent Session - 9 (Free-session)	
	Market Place and Ignite Stage				Market Place and Ignite Stage	Market Place and Ignite Stage	
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> (Monday)	Presentations by Rapporteurs of summary findings from Plenary, Special events, Concurrent Sessions and Panel-Audience discussion.  Presentation by 'Drafting team' of Final draft of 'Dhaka Declaration: Disability inclusive Disaster Risk Management in Post – 2015 Agenda.'			Conference Closing, Dhaka Declaration Announcement	Lunch	Media briefing by Chief Adviser and selected members of Advisory, Scientific & Organizing Committee on the outcome of the Conference and Next Steps	

### Note:

This programme is not be considered as final Conference banquet and cultural show on the night of 13<sup>th</sup> December  
Sightseeing by pre-booking on 15<sup>th</sup> December

## Registration Fees:

	<b>Early Bird (1<sup>st</sup> Sept to 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2015)</b>	<b>Late Registration (1<sup>st</sup> Nov to 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2015)</b>
<b>Participants Registration Fees</b>		
<b>National</b>	<b>BDT</b>	<b>BDT</b>
Participant	3,000	3,500
One personal Assistant for Persons with Disabilities	2,000	2,500
<b>International</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>
Participant	200	250
One personal Assistant for Persons with Disabilities	100	150
<b>Market Place Registration Fee – 1 Stall</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> November to 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
Bangladeshi Organizations	<b>BDT 15,000</b>	
International Organizations / Forums	<b>US \$ 300</b>	
<b>Special Events</b>	<b>US \$ 2,500 – US \$ 3,000 - US \$ 3,500</b>	
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*\*\* Registration fee includes conference kits, materials & meals during conference working hours only and banquet, but not accommodation. Personal assistant receives only relevant materials. Transportation will be arranged to and from selected hotels / guesthouses only, and for airport transfers, only for overseas participants.*

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[www.dhakaconference2015.org](http://www.dhakaconference2015.org)

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