

# Disability Working Group International Day of People With Disabilities



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## Building Back Better: toward a disability-inclusive, accessible and sustainable post COVID-19 world

Disability inclusion is essential to upholding human rights, sustainable development, peace and security. The commitment to realizing the rights of persons with disabilities is not only a matter of justice; it is an investment in a common future.

The global crisis of COVID-19 is deepening pre-existing inequalities, exposing the extent of exclusion and highlighting that work on disability inclusion is imperative. People with disabilities - one billion people - are one of the most excluded groups in our society and are among the hardest hit in this crisis in terms of fatalities.



The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol was adopted on 13 December 2006 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, and was opened for signature on 30 March 2007.

There were 82 signatories to the Convention, 44 signatories to the Optional Protocol, and 1 ratification of the Convention. This is the highest number of signatories in history to a UN Convention on its opening day. It is the first comprehensive human rights treaty of the 21st century and is the first human rights convention to be open for

signature by regional integration organizations. The Convention entered into force on 3 May 2008.

It takes to a new height the movement from viewing persons with disabilities as “objects” of charity, medical treatment and social protection towards viewing persons with disabilities as “subjects” with rights, who are capable of claiming those rights and making decisions for their lives based on their free, and informed consent as well as being active members of society.

For full details see: <http://humanitariandisabilitycharter.org/>



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