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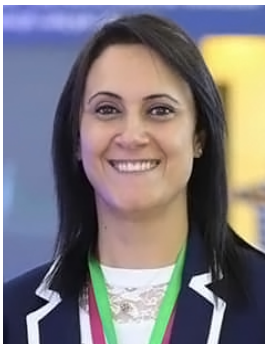
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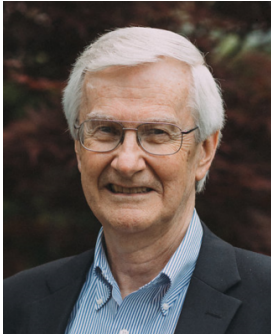
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According to the state's requirements for big data and Internet plus, combined with the development of the cause of persons with disabilities, the country's 13th Five-Year Plan was improved. After more than a year of construction, the big data platform of PWDs, Internet plus service platform, and the third generation Disability Certificate (smart card) were mainly completed. At present, CDPF is carrying out the construction of the national disabled persons' Federation information service platform, building "Smart Disabled People's Federation", and is committed to providing precise, refined and intelligent services for PWDs.



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