# Global Sustainable Development Report: opportunities and challenges for disability inclusion

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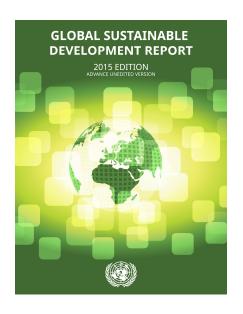
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#### What is the GSDR?

- Scientists have looked for entry points in the UN for decades
- In 2012 at Rio+20, Commission on Sustainable Development replaced with the High-level Political Forum on sustainable development
- Mandate to follow-up and review implementation of Agenda 21, WSSD, Rio+20, and now 2030 SD agenda, provide highlevel guidance on how to go forward with the new agenda
- Mandate to strengthen science-policy interface
  - including through a GSDR
  - Reconfirmed in GA 67/290, Agenda 2030
- March-April 2016: informal consultations on scope, methodology and frequency of the GSDR

## What is the GSDR (2)?

- Member States allocated resources for Rio+20, for GSDR as annual publication of the sustainable development subprogramme in budget for 2014-2015 and 2016/2017.
  - 2014: First edition (prototype)
  - 2015: Second edition
  - 2016: Third edition (in preparation)



https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/globalsdreport/2014 https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/globalsdreport/2015

### What is the GSDR (2)?

- A window for interaction of science and policy, in the UN, at the highest political level (HLPF)
- Past editions: Assessment of assessment approach: make sense of existing knowledge (not a monitoring report)
- Policy relevant, not prescriptive. Seeks to present existing knowledge from various disciplines and areas of sustainable development in a way that is practical for consideration by decision-makers
- Science-policy interface for SD: how it works at different levels, how it might work better
- Sustainable development goals as integrated network: different lenses on integration
  - global: through integrated assessments
  - nexus approaches: examining sub-systems
  - cross-cutting issues (e.g. disaster risk reduction, institutions)

#### What linkages do international assessments cover?

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### Assessment of Assessments - The challenge?

- Extremely large scope of report:
  - 17 SDGs, 43 Rio process issues/themes maintained by DSD
  - 150,000+ articles in sustainability science per year (> 6 times more than 10 years ago)
  - 1,000s of relevant assessments
  - More than 8,000 academic disciplines
  - More than 100 UN flagship publications and 23 outlook reports
  - Many national sustainable development reports
- Vs. limited space for the report
  - Only specific themes/ nexuses have been addressed each year
  - Very broad even at nexus level: e.g. climate, land, energy and food
  - Challenge may be different in the future, with 4-year report

### How could disability be reflected in a GSDR?

- GSDR 2016 not finished, but disability reflected in:
  - Chapter 1, "ensuring that no one is left behind"
  - Chapter 4: inclusive institutions
- Based on contribution from Social Policy division in UNDESA
- Assessment of assessments nature:
  - report lists, refers to existing assessments
  - Does not enter too much into policy detail
- In the future: new methodology for the report
  - Disability addressed as relevant dimension of specific goals? (through different lenses, e.g. trends; emerging issues; measurement)

#### THANK YOU

Past editions of the GSDR and GSDR Briefs can be found here:

https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/globalsdreport