**Provisional Concept Note**

**by the Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities/DSPD/ DESA**

**Global Network on Monitoring and Evaluation for Disability-inclusive Development**

**(MEDD Global Network)**

**Background**

The General Assembly Resolution 69/142, ‘Realizing the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities towards 2015 and beyond’, requested the Secretary-General, in coordination with all relevant United Nations entities, “**to compile and analyse national policies, programmes, best practices and available statistics regarding persons with disabilities, reflecting progress made in addressing the relevant internationally agreed development goals and the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), to be submitted to the General Assembly in a flagship report during 2018[[1]](#footnote-1)”** **(para 21b).**

The UN flagship report will require reliable evidence and policy analysis concerning the situation of persons with disabilities to inform on the implementation of the internationally agreed development goals. Although evidence remains insufficient to monitor the implementation of the international development goals for persons with disabilities, including the SDGs, and to monitor and evaluate the progress made in the implementation of the CRPD, a number of new initiatives are under way by UN agencies and other development partners.

The Global Network on Monitoring and Evaluation for Disability-inclusive Development is an informal network of experts, researchers and practitioners in disability policy, data and statistics, monitoring and evaluation. Building on the work, of the UN system and its partners, on the Millennium Development Goals and in monitoring and evaluation, this Global Network is expected to (i) serve as a resource for preparing the aforementioned UN flagship report; (ii) identify a basis for the future monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of a disability-inclusive 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. DESA (The Secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities/DSPD), as the global focal point on disability of the United Nations system, is facilitating the Network and its meetings.

**Aim of the MEDD Global Network**

This informal network aims to contribute to: (i) development of a compilation of available and reliable evidence to improve assessments of progress made for persons with disabilities within the context of the SDGs and the CRPD, and with a view to preparing for the upcoming 2018 UN Flagship report; (ii) review of policy development and conducting policy analysis based on available evidence and other relevant information on the situation of persons with disabilities in the context of the SDGs and the CRPD. The Network could also facilitate the coordination among its members and exchange of good practices, in preparation for the 2018 UN Flagship report.

**Participation in the MEDD Global Network**

The Network is open to experts, researchers and practitioners from the UN system, non-governmental organizations, particularly disabled persons’ organizations, with experience and expertise in the areas of monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the international development goals, including expertise in policy-analysis, data, statistics, monitoring and evaluation relevant for disability-inclusive development.

1. Henceforth this UN flagship report will be referred to as the ‘UN Global Status Report on Disability and Development’ (GSRDD). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)