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**Disability and development – Operationalizing the post-2015 development agenda for persons with disabilities**

**Expert Biographies**

**Dr. Hussein Abu Farash**

Hussein Abu Farash currently serves as Director of the Research and Strategic Planning Department at Jordan’s Higher Council for Affairs of Persons with Disabilities (HCD)[[1]](#footnote-1), the country’s national policy think-tank on disability issues, a position he has held since 2008. Prior to that, he has assumed positions including Policy Coordinator at the National Council for Family Affairs in Jordan (NCFA), as well as Gifted\Talented Expert at the King Abdel Aziz and His Companion for Giftedness Organization in Saudi Arabia.

With extensive experience in disability policy formulation and development, Abu Farash’s area of work at HCD has included preparing researches’ proposals in the field of disability, conducting research and data analysis; reports writing, developing database for the persons with disability according to WG questionnaires and methodologies, and preparing and following up on HCD’s annual plan of action.

He has authored two books, “Parents and Teacher Guide to Giftedness” and “Young Gifted and Creative”. He was also co- researcher of a publication entitled “Gifted children characteristics aged 3-6 years in Saudi Arabia”. He is the winner of the first, second and third Gender and Economy Research Policy Analysis (GERPA) research competitions.

Abu Farash obtained the PhD in Special Education from the World Islamic Science and Education University in Jordan, 2013. He is married with five children.

Gustavo Giler Alarcón

**Mr. Gustavo Giler Alarcón**

Technical Sub-Secretary for the Inclusive Management on Disabilities of the Vice-presidency of the Republic of Ecuador

Mr. Giler is the Sub-Secretary of Disabilities of the Technical Secretariat for the Inclusive Management on Disabilities (SETEDIS) of the Vice-presidency of the Republic of Ecuador, which is the country’s leading governmental institution for the formulation, coordination, and execution of the national public policy on Disabilities.

Within the framework of the National Program “*Ecuador without Barriers”* and the highly recognized *Manuela Espejo Solidarity Mission*, which developed the First Biopsicosocial Study of Persons with Disabilities in the country (2010), Mr. Giler was the supervisor and responsible of the comprehensive management and implementation of the projects that allowed the provision of concrete response mechanisms to address their immediate needs. In this context, Mr. Giler designed the strategy of technical assistance on disabilities in the region, where Ecuadorian methodologies are replied in order to create a regional system of comprehensive attention for Persons with Disabilities and elaborated and negotiated the WHA67.7 and WHA66.9 Resolutions for the elaboration of a WHO Global Disability Action Plan, approved on the framework of the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly.

Nowadays, he is in charge of the management and implementation of the four strategic lines of Ecuadorian Action Plan on Disabilities in order to guarantee the comprehensive inclusion of Persons with Disabilities: Productive Inclusion (advisory and support for Persons with Disabilities’ business projects), Participatory Inclusion (implementation of the Community-based Inclusive Development Strategy), Universal Accessibility (advisory in the making of accessibility plans and creation of accessibility assessment methodologies), and Inclusive Disaster Risk Management (promoting the inclusion of the needs and perspectives of Persons with Disabilities in all stages of disaster risk management).

Mr. Giler has a professional background related with public health administration and international affairs. He holds a masters degree on foreign affairs, and has additional graduate studies on policies and management of health systems. He was also part of the Program of Leaders on International Health “Edmundo Granda Ugalde” carried out by the Pan-American Health Organization. He has been the Temporary Secretary of the South American Health Council and a representative of the Andean Organism of Health ORAS-CONHU.

**Dr. Alex Camacho**

Technical Secretary for the Inclusive Management on Disabilities of the Vice Presidency of the Republic of Ecuador.

**Mr. Vladimir Cuk**

Executive Director, International Disability Alliance

Vladimir Cuk serves as the Executive Director of the International Disability Alliance. Vladimir is responsible for coordinating the IDA Secretariat, IDA advocacy towards the UN System, UN agencies (UNICEF, UNDP, UN Women, ILO, OHCHR, WHO), World Bank, and other international human rights organizations. In particular, Vladimir is engaged in promoting the disability inclusive development in post 2015 development agenda. Mr. Cuk received his M.S. degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago in Disability and Human Development. He has received seven awards in recognition for his academic achievements. Vladimir published a book, several articles and encyclopedia entries, as well as delivered over 100 presentations and workshops across the globe.

Currently, during the intergovernmental negotiations of the post-2015 development agenda, Vladimir Cuk advocates UN Member States and the UN System to ensure that persons with disabilities are included in all relevant future goals, targets and indicators in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Further he emphasizes that the implementation and accountability mechanisms of the post-2015 development framework are developed and carried out in partnership with persons with disabilities and their representative organisations. Vladimir Cuk is also engaged in the Financing for Development process, where he promotes that accessibility should be a key criterion in the mobilisation and execution of domestic and international resources, including foreign direct investment, among other messages.

Finally, Vladimir Cuk is building partnerships and is developing capacity among organizations of disabled persons to promote their in-depth understanding of the post-2015 development process and to ensure their participation and inclusion now and later, in particular in the implementation phase of the process. Accordingly, he is actively involved in shaping the role of persons with disabilities in the High Level Political Forum in the global level, as well as he is laying the foundations to establish a regional and national monitoring mechanisms of the post-2015 framework for and with persons with disabilities.

**Dr. Maha Damaj**

Assistant Professor of Public Health Practice

Maha Damaj, PhD, is an Assistant Professor of Public Health Practice in the Faculty of Health Sciences at the American University of Beirut. She obtained her PhD in Health Policy from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, University of London that analysed the influence of social policy and practice on disempowering persons with disabilities and propagating stereotypical disabling identities.

She is currently the coordinator of the project developing a new Global Master’s in Health and Sustainable Development, a project that is being conducted jointly with EARTH University in Costa Rica. The Global Master’s program is a unique and innovate academic program that seeks to graduate ethical change agents who recognize the global social, economic and political determinants of health and sustainable development, and could potentially meet the challenges of the post-2015 development goals.

Predominantly a practitioner, Damaj has worked in community development and rights issues for over 15 years, specifically in the areas of child protection, non-discrimination, forced migration, community mobilization, social innovations with youth in decision making, active learning, policy development, and disability and inclusion. She has worked in academia as well as with local, regional, and international NGOs and UN agencies, where she was involved in strategic planning, policy development, research and evaluation, and technical training. She has published her work in ethnographic disability research, as well as a number of reports and manuals with civil society organisations, including most recently in-depth situation analyses of the rights of children with disabilities in Sudan, and in the East Asia and Pacific region. She is preparing a research project of a retrospective ethnography of the disability rights movement in Lebanon, and is working to establish a regional disability research network.

Based primarily in Lebanon, her experience spans the Arab region and parts of South East Asia.

**Dr. Rangita de Silva de Alwis**

Associate Dean of International Programs, Pennsylvania Law School

Rangita de Silva de Alwis has written and lectured widely on the intersections of disability and gender and the importance of drafting laws and policies that capture the multiple forms of discrimination against women and girls with disabilities. Her work has helped to bring new thinking in this area of transnational lawmaking, litigation and human rights report writing. She is the author of several UN reports on human rights, development , gender and disability and the author of Mining the Intersections: Advancing the Rights of Women and Children with Disabilities Within an Interrelated Web of Human Rights published by the University of Washington Pacific Rim Law and Policy Journal.

**Mr. Amir Dossal**

Chairman, Global Partnerships Forum; Ambassador, Peace and Sport; Co-Founder, Ocean Sanctuary Alliance.

**Mr. Arne H Eide**

Chief Scientist, SINTEF Technology and Society; Professor, Sør-Trøndelag University College, Guest Professor, Stellenbosch University

Current work: Developing, managing and carrying out research, supervision and publications

The research work comprises:

1. Research on disability in low-income countries; disability statistics, disability and poverty, rehabilitation, access to health services, and policy. Implementation of large surveys on living conditions among people with disabilities in southern Africa, studies on access and quality of health services for vulnerable people in sub-Saharan Africa, and smaller studies on HIV/AIDS, TB and disability, and rehabilitation. Research experience from some Asian countries and Middle East. Comprehensive experience in collaboration with DPOs and Governments in implementation of research, most often based on principles of participatory research.
2. Research on participation among vulnerable groups in Norway and in low-income countries; participation as a concept and implications for practice.

Much of the research activities/experience has had an applied purpose, i.e. a strong interest in how to translate research into practice in particular in low-income contexts. I have particularly been involved in AfriNEAD, a network of researchers and individuals with disabilities in southern Africa with the purpose of merging the gap between research and practice.

**Ms. Sylvana El Lakkis**

President, Lebanese Physical Handicapped Union

**Mr. Tarek El Nabulsi**

Head of Coordination and Follow up for Social Development and Policies Division, Technical Secretariat of the Council of Arab Social Affairs Ministers, League of Arab States.

**Prof. Nora Groce-Kaplan**

Professor Nora Ellen Groce holds the Leonard Cheshire Chair and is Director of the Leonard Cheshire Disability and Inclusive Development Centre at University College London. A medical anthropologist, her research has been largely in global health and international development. Professor Groce served on the research faculty of Harvard University for 8 years and was Associate Professor at Yale University for 18 years, where she helped to establish and run the Yale Global Health program, before joining the faculty of UCL as an endowed professor and director of the Leonard Cheshire Centre in 2008. Concentrating on applied research, her work has included studies on persons with disability in international health and development, disability and poverty, violence as a public health concern and equity in access to health. Professor Groce serves as an advisor to a number of United Nations agencies as well as bilateral agencies, governments and international NGOs and DPOs. She is author of over 200 published books, papers and reports, as well as editor of the Leonard Cheshire Disability Working Papers Series.

**Mr. Mosharraf Hossain**

Mosharraf Hossain is the Director of Policy Influencing of ADD International. He is actively engaged in influencing global policies and practice including post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and World Bank Safeguard Policy. He worked to make UK international cooperation disability inclusive providing oral witness to the committee of the British Parliament and writing chapter on disability for Labour Party election manifesto.

He was a speaker of the 3rd session for the intergovernmental negotiation of the post-2015 development agenda. He is a member of the Steering Committee for the 26-27 May UN General Assembly hearings on the post-2015 development agenda. He is a member of Task Group of International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC). As a consultant to the UNDP, UNICEF and DFID, he worked for disability situation analysis, capacity building of DPOs, and disability research internationally and in Bangladesh.

He was the Country Director for ADD International Bangladesh for 20 years. His work focused on promoting the rights of disabled people underpinned by the social model of disability. He has been instrumental in promoting the grassroots disability rights movement in Bangladesh. His particular areas of expertise include policy influencing, organizing people, economic empowerment, disability law, political rights and representation, humanitarian assistance and disaster risk reduction.

Mosharraf completed MSS in Economics at Dhaka University and Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Harvard Kennedy School, and attended executive programs in Harvard Business School and Stanford Graduate School of Business. He was a fellow of Edward Mason Program in Harvard Kennedy School. Born in Bangladesh, Mosharraf Hossain is fluent in English and at the working level in French. He has personal experience of disability – he is a wheelchair user.

**Mr. Yasunobu Ishii**

Senior Program Director, Disability and Social Welfare

Social Innovation Program Division

The Nippon Foundation

EXPERTISE: Disability and International Cooperation, Telecommunication Relay Services for Persons with Disabilities

Mr. Yasunobu Ishii works for The Nippon Foundation, which has a range of humanitarian programs in over a hundred countries around the world and that cover fields including social welfare, education, and disaster relief.

Responsible for directing the foundation’s global disability programs, since his arrival at the foundation in 1995, Mr. Ishii has launched various projects for persons with disabilities, focusing in particular on information and communication accessibility, multi-national cooperation, and human resource development.

Examples of these projects are the Overbrook-Nippon Network on Educational Technology (ON-NET), the Higher Education Initiative of International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment, the Post-Secondary Education Network for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (PEN-International), the Asia Pacific Sign Linguistics Research and Training Program (APSL) and the DAISY for ALL (DFA) project.

In relation to the UN, he organized the Expert Group Meeting on Building Inclusive Society and Development through Promoting ICT Accessibility: Emerging Issues and Trends (Tokyo, Japan, 19-21 April 2012) in cooperation with DESA and UNIC-Tokyo; and created the Outcome Document of the High Level Meeting on the Realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities – The Way Forward, a disability inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond. He also contributed at the 4th session of the Conference of State Parties to the CRPD as a panelist for the Round Table: Realizing the CRPD through international cooperation.

After the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011, Mr. Ishii initiated a Relief Support Project for Deaf Victims to implement services for improving the psychological health of the deaf and hearing impaired who have been struggling to rebuild their lives in the affected areas. He also launched the Video Remote Interpreting Project for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake.

In light of the lessons learned from the 2011 earthquake in Japan, Mr. Ishii has been engaged in the promotion of disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction. He has worked together with the Japan Disability Forum in the production of the documentary film “Message of Life: Twice as Many Persons with Disabilities Passed Away on March Eleventh”. He also organized a series of international meetings on disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction and contributed to the 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (3WCDRR) held in Sendai, Japan in March 2015.

Mr. Ishii holds an M.A. in Economics from Dalhousie University (1994).

**Mr. Nawaf Kabbara**

President, Arab Organization of Disabled People

**Dr.** **Samuel Kabue**

2003 – To date : Consultant/Executive Secretary– Ecumenical Disability Advocates Network (EDAN). A Programme of the World Council of Churches (WCC)

This is an International programme managed in form of a network coordinating WCC work on disability. The office is based in Nairobi. The mandate of the Programme is to advocate for the inclusion, participation and active involvement of persons with disabilities in spiritual, social, economic and political life in their societies. The Current focus of the work is on Human/disability rights, social/development inclusion and introduction of disability discourse in Churches and theological institutions with a view to making them receptive and inclusive in all their operations.

In our human rights work, the focus has mainly been on the ratification and implementation of the Convention on the rights of persons with Disabilities in different parts of the World. We have among other things trained DPO’s on the CRPD implementation monitoring and parallel reporting. On social inclusion, we have been and continue to be involved in the post 2015 process and have been members of the CSO forum and the Africa Faith leaders Initiative. We have an East Africa programme on Inclusive development where we are advocating for persons with disabilities to be included in the Mainstream livelihood development programmes managed by churches and Non-Governmental organisations. On theology, our focus has been the introduction of disability studies in theological institutions to prepare the student ministers for work with and among persons with disabilities as well as to influence inclusion of persons with Disabilities both as students and faculty members.

**Mr. Hiroshi Kawamura**

Board (Past President), DAISY Consortium and also Vice President, Assistive Technology Development Organization

In 1995, I called for the development of the international standards for digital talking books to guarantee the international sharing of talking books for persons with print disabilities as the Chair of the Section of Libraries for the Blind/International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions. This call resulted in the foundation of an international not-for-profit consortium to develop an open, non-proprietary and inter-operable digital publishing standard known as DAISY (Digital Accessible Information SYstem) today (<http://www.daisy.org/>). Since the establishment of the DAISY Consortium, I have always been a Board Member (as well as the President for 2008-2011) of the Consortium.

In addition to the standards development work of the DAISY Consortium, I have been conducting R&D activities focusing on access to knowledge to support full participation of persons with disabilities. The lessons learned from the United Nations World Summit on the Information Society 2003-2005, which I contributed as the Civil Society Disability Focal Point, enhanced my R&D scope to reach out to those who are living with minority languages, indigenous peoples, and those who are illiterates. A Japanese Government research funding allowed us to start an ongoing international collaborative research on knowledge based Disability-inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction in Urakawa Town in 2004.

The ongoing international collaboratory research and pilot project on DiDRR in Urakawa Town includes R&D activities on (1) accessible multimedia technology standards development, (2) social innovation for intellectual properties including copyrights, and (3) participation of all concerned stakeholders, with strong commitments of persons with psychosocial disabilities living in the community. I see that DiDRR is a critical key component of the sustainable development of the inclusive and resilient society.

**Mr. Kenji Kuno**

Senior Advisor (Social Security) JICA

Mr. Kuno is an advisor on disability for the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

A founding director of Disability Equality Training (DET) Forum and a visiting professor of Nihon Fukushi University, Japan (research module on disability and development).

He has been working on disability and development for the last 25 years, being based in Malaysia (16 years), Indonesia (3 years) and Japan. Theme on his PhD thesis was on Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) and participation of persons with disabilities. His expertise is on CBR/community based inclusive development, DET, and inclusive employment (especially on supported employment and job coach).

As a part of his work for JICA and DET Forum, he has trained more than 270 DET facilitators in 34 countries/territories in the last 10 years. His research interest is on disability inclusive development framework, especially on the Capability Approach of Amartya Sen.

**Ms. Carrie Netting**

**Assistant Director, Disability Section seconded from the UK’s Department for International Development**

Ms Netting is currently seconded from DFID to DFAT to facilitate cross-agency learning and support DFID’s work on disability-inclusive development and inclusive education. Ms Netting has had responsibility at DFAT over the past 2 years for supporting a greater emphasis on disability data globally. This work has included the establishment of three new global partnerships. The first with UNICEF and the Washington Group to develop two new data sets and accompanying guidance and training to improve the availability, quality and use of data on children with disabilities. The second with the United Nations Statistical Division to establish a new disability team to enhance the UN’s knowledge base on disability statistics and to collect existing disability statistics from available sources. And the third with the University Colleague London and the Washington Group to support the implementation of the questions developed by the Washington Group in national statistical systems, the analysis of the data that are produced and the dissemination of the information to inform policies and programmes and to monitor the attainment of the Post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals.

Prior to her secondment to DFAT Ms. Netting led the design and implementation of the Strategic Partnerships window of DFID’s Girls’ Education Challenge, the largest ever global fund dedicated to girls education. She has also worked for a number of UK Ministers at DFID’s offices in Whitehall, leading on the UK government’s engagement with Civil Society Organisation working in the development sector. In July Ms Netting will return to DFID’s newly establish Inclusive Societies Department to work on the implementation of DFID’s Disability Framework.

**Mr. Abu Osama Abdalla Mohamed Taktook**

General Secretary, Sudan National Council for Persons with Disabilities

**Ms. Maria Veronica Reina**

Disability and Development Consultant. She was the Executive Director of the Global Partnership on Disability and Development (GPDD) at the World Bank (2008-2013). Before joining the GPDD, she served as the Director of International Programs at the Burton Blatt Institute (2007). She was the President of the Center for International Rehabilitation (CIR). In this capacity, she oversaw the CIR’s programs including Research, E-Learning and the International Disability Rights Monitor Project, a landmark international initiative that documented the situation of people with disabilities worldwide (2003-2006)

**Dr. Marcia Rioux**

Distinguished Research Professor in the School of Health Policy and Management

Dr. Marcia Rioux is a legal scholar with extensive experience in grass roots participatory monitoring research in the areas of human rights and social justice, particularly around international disability rights. Dr. Rioux is a Distinguished Research Professor in the School of Health Policy and Management and teaches Critical Disability Studies and Health Policy and Equity at York University in Toronto, Canada. With Bengt Lindqvist, she is the co-Director of Disability Rights Promotion International, a multi-year project to monitor disability rights nationally and internationally. She is currently engaged in research in participatory disability rights monitoring; inclusive education; gender based studies; indigenous people with disabilities and the right to employment.

Dr. Rioux has lectured throughout the Americas, Europe, Africa and Asia. She has been an advisor to federal and provincial commissions, parliamentary committees, and international NGO's as well as United Nations agencies. She has edited a number of collected volumes and nearly 70 book chapters and articles on disability rights. She has also been a visiting scholar and professor at a number of international institutions. She was made a Member of the Order of Canada in 2014.

**Mr. Matthew W. Rodieck**

Consultant, disability and public health specialist

Matthew Rodieck has more than 20 years professional expertise in disability programming as well as four decades of his personal experience with disability. After surviving serious injuries in childhood, Matthew endured the effects of being systematically excluded from formal education because of mobility impairments — and learned the value of advocacy as his parents fought against his marginalization.

As a public health professional, Matthew has developed and managed health services within both government and non-government systems in the US, UK, Saudi Arabia, and Afghanistan and contributed to the management of health and public health systems in several other conflict and post-conflict settings. His first-hand work in the ongoing Afghanistan conflict has provided him opportunities to ensure people with disabilities are served appropriately, that their interests are included in development and humanitarian assistance, and that disability itself remains a facet of the core considerations in conflict response and disaster management.

Matthew has developed and implemented public health services in diverse settings, drawing from his training and experience in practical research and system management. These have included in-depth experience at quantitative and qualitative data collection as part of field-based projects, as well as operations research to support services development. He currently manages the Rehabilitation International Disability-inclusive Disaster Risks Reduction Project (funded by Norway MOFA) and consults for UNISDR on disability and accessibility issues in support of the 3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and the subsequently adopted Sendai Framework for Action (2015-2013).

**Ms. Hiam Sacre**

Head, Unit of Specialized Welfare Services, Ministry of Social Affairs, Lebanon

**Mr. Nikhil Seth**

Director, Division for Sustainable Development /DESA, United Nations Secretariat

**Prof. Shigeo Tatsuki**

Professor, Department of Sociology, Doshisha University (Senior Research Scientist, Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institute, Kobe)

Shigeo Tatsuki, Ph.D. (Toronto), has taught social work research at Kwansei Gakuin University (1986 to 2001) and has been teaching sociology of disaster at Doshisha University (2001 to present). He is cross-appointed as a senior research scientist at Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institute, Kobe. He currently serves as the president of the Institute of Social Safety Science, Japan.

He has conducted community-based participatory disaster research on societal/community responses to people with functional needs after 1995 Kobe Earthquake, 2001 Geiyo Earthquake in Hiroshima, 2004 Typhoon 23 floods in Northern Hyogo, 2004 Niigata-Chuetsu Earthquake, 2007 Noto Peninsula Earthquake, and most recently 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake (GEJE). Based on these research findings, he has been actively involved in GIS mapping of PWD, community-based initiatives to form neighbourhood disaster response networks in Kobe, Kyoto, Osaka and Shiga areas, and the post-GEJE advocacy work for Disaster-inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction.

As a member of the Cabinet Office committee on People with Special Needs in Disaster, he was involved in the Cabinet Office publications/revisions of “Evacuation/Sheltering Assistance Guideline for People with Special Needs in Times of Disaster” (Fy2005, Fy2006 & Fy2009). He also served for local municipalities (Kobe, Kyoto, Osaka, Yokohama, and Amagasaki) as well as for prefectural governments (Tokyo, Shiga, Nara, Ishikawa, Toyama, Okayama, Kagawa) designing community-based collaborative preparedness plans for evacuation and sheltering assistance of PWD.

**Ms. Anastasia Telesetsky**

Professor, College of Law, University of Idaho

I teach public international law at the University of Idaho with a focus on environmental sustainability issues, human rights, and disaster law. My research and publications on international development have focused on issues involving the right to food and food security including improving access to fisheries for artisanal fishing communities in developing states and protecting land access for farmers in Africa and Asia. I am particularly interested in the connection between industrial environmental conditions exacerbating disability within certain communities.

During a Fulbright year, I worked in the Philippines for the Environmental Law Assistance Center a community based legal center concerned with implementing human rights and protecting the environment. In 2003 and 2004, I was a Bosch Fellow working for the German government on developing guidelines for the progressive implementation of the right to food. I am currently the American Bar Association representative to the Green Economy community of practice for the Global Forum on Law Justice and Development facilitated by the World Bank.

**Ms. Maya Thomas**

Editor-in-Chief, Disability, CBR and Inclusive Development Journal, Independent Consultant, Disability and Development

Maya Thomas, Ph.D, is an independent consultant in disability and development, based in Bangalore, India. Her areas of work include policy development, strategy planning and knowledge enhancing related to disability and development, particularly community based approaches; evaluation of disability programmes; and capacity building and training of planners and managers of disability programmes. She has undertaken more than 160 assignments in these areas over the last 25 years in Asia, Africa and Europe.

Dr. Thomas is the founder Editor of Disability, CBR and Inclusive Development Journal; and was a Member of the Editorial Committee for the World Disability Rehabilitation Report, WHO, Geneva; and Member of the Core Group to develop the CBR Guidelines, WHO, Geneva. She has over one hundred and fifteen presentations, chapters and papers published in international and Indian publications.

Other recent assignments related to the content of the EGM include: being a member of the Expert group constituted by UNDESA, New York, for “Mainstreaming Disability in MDG Policies, Processes and Mechanisms: Development for All”, Geneva, April 2009; member of the Expert Group to Develop a Strategic Framework for the Health Component of CBR for South-East Asia region, World Health Organisation, SEARO, New Delhi, November 2011; Lead Consultant for development of 2 concept papers for International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC), 2012. 1. CBR Guidelines as a Tool for Community Based Inclusive Development. 2 Community Based Rehabilitation and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; Lead Consultant for CBM India to develop the National Plan for Community based Rehabilitation for Government of India, September 2013; and Executive Editor: Relevance of CBR and Inclusive Development in post-2015 Development Agenda, published by Asia Pacific Centre for Disability and Development, Bangkok, 2013.

1. Website available at: [www.hcd.gov.jo](http://www.hcd.gov.jo). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)