Eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices concerning persons with disabilities

Sustainable Development Goals
- **Target 10.3**: Ensure equal opportunity and reduce inequality by, among others, eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices
- **Target 16.b**: Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- **Article 4**: Ensure the full realization of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for persons with disabilities without discrimination
- **Article 5**: Prohibit all discrimination on the basis of disability and by guaranteeing equal and effective legal protection against discrimination on all grounds

One of the main causes of discrimination is a lack of awareness about the needs and abilities of persons with disabilities.

Discriminatory laws still exist in the areas regulating marriage, legal capacity, work and political participation.

62% of constitutions adopted since 2006 explicitly guarantee the rights of persons with disabilities.

Actions to overcome discrimination against persons with disabilities, and eliminate discriminatory laws and policies:
- Review national laws and policies to identify and eliminate discriminatory provisions against persons with disabilities and ensure their equal opportunities to participate politically, economically and socially without discrimination.
- Raise awareness about persons with disabilities through public campaigns to combat negative stereotypes against them, engaging persons with disabilities and organizations of persons with disabilities in such activities.
- Develop mechanisms for reporting on discrimination that include the creation of a public service, where persons with disabilities can file or report incidences of discrimination.


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