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CBR AFRICA NETWORK

CONCEPT NOTE FOR THE 6th CBR AFRICA CONFERENCE IN LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA-- 7th - 11th May, 2018

Introduction

This concept note provides guidance to the EC and Secretariat of CBR Africa Network (CAN), conference planning committee, the Zambian government, potential funders and all other stakeholders for effective planning, resource mobilization and implementation of various activities for a successful conference. As a guiding tool, this concept note will also serve as the basis for other purposes, including public information-sharing and the development of the programme for the 6th CBR Africa Conference.

Five CBR conferences have been successfully organized in different African countries (2001 – Uganda, 2004 – Malawi, 2007-South Africa, 2010 – Nigeria and 2015 – Kenya) by CBR Africa Network (CAN) in collaboration with governments of the host countries, WHO, CBM, NAD, Handicap International and other local and international stakeholders. The Sustainable Development goals are vastly inclusive. The 6th CBR Africa conference under the theme **“CBR for resilience building and sustainable development: Leave no one behind”** will provide an opportunity for participants to share information on the various challenges experienced and existing capacities to enhance resilience for the attainment of the sustainable development goals.

The conference will be co-organised by the government of Zambia and CAN in collaboration with the disability/CBR stakeholders in Zambia including Disabled people’s organizations (DPOs), national and international NGOs and Development partners, UN agencies, media institutions, disability service providers, Civil Society Organisations, embassies and the business community among other stakeholders.

This conference is timely and will inform the current debate on the paradigm shift from the concept of CBR (Community-Based Rehabilitation) to CBID (Community-Based Inclusive Development). Governments are encouraged to ensure effective representation to engage in this important dialogue on contemporary issues relating to disability inclusion and sustainable development to inform an effective transition.

Background of CAN:

CBR Africa Network (CAN) is an organization that works to promote information sharing on CBR/disability activities in Africa. Serving as the African regional affiliate of the CBR Global Network, CAN is ideally aimed at providing lessons that inform improvement in service delivery to enhance the lives of persons with disabilities.

CBR/CBID is known to be an effective strategy for empowering persons with disabilities in the community and for implementing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). Despite its implementation for over 20 years, it is not yet adopted in many communities in Africa. Persons with disabilities are often excluded in community development programs, which increase their vulnerability.

The increasing incidence of disaster in many communities of Africa requires enhancement of resilience for Persons with disabilities, their families and community. Resilience building implies empowerment of individuals, organizations and communities to own up to their challenges. There is need for capacity development to identify challenges, threats, opportunities, existing resources and facilities for appropriate strategy development and transformation of lives. Information-sharing is instrumental in resilience building.

This 6th CBR Africa conference will provide an opportunity for Persons with disabilities, governments, service providers, academia, community development agencies, development partners and all other stakeholders to experience shared learning to enhance the lives of persons with disabilities.

1. Goal of the Conference and Expected Deliverables

The conference will bring together Persons with disabilities, government officials, CBR program implementers and development partners to share good practices, ideas and studies that will inform effective planning and enhancement of the lives of persons with disabilities.

The 6th CBR Africa conference will be a unique opportunity as it will be organised just 2 years before the 3rd World CBR Congress to be held in Africa for the first time. Given that CAN's niche is information sharing, a wealth of knowledge and information shared throughout the conference together with the declarations will be documented in various forms including text, video and pictures and widely shared with stakeholders. The publications will facilitate learning in Africa as well as cross-regional learning with other regional networks in Asia-Pacific, Latin America and the Global CBR Network facilitated by World Health Organisation.

2. Key Discussion Topics

The topics for the conference will include:

- 1) Livelihood initiatives for resilience building
- 2) CBR/CBID in a Humanitarian crisis
- 3) CBR/CBID Training and Education
- 4) Strengthening of CBR/CBID networks and associations
- 5) Sustainable Development Goals: country progress
- 6) Action Research, documentation, and information sharing
- 7) Neglected tropical Diseases and CBR
- 8) CBR, gender and child protection
- 9) Sustainability and ownership of CBR programs

3. Venue and Dates

The 6th CBR Africa Conference will be hosted by the Government of the Republic of Zambia from 7th - 11th May, 2018 in Livingstone.

4. Participants

The anticipated participants for the 6th CBR Africa Conference are Persons with Disabilities, their family members, community members and local leaders, government representatives from different parts of Africa, National and international development partners, representatives of civil society organizations, the academia, and other members within the disability/CBR fraternity from different parts of Africa and beyond.

5. The Government of Zambia

The government of the Republic of Zambia, through the Ministry of Community Development and Social Welfare, shall host the Conference Secretariat through the Zambia Agency for Persons with Disabilities (ZAPD).

6. The Planning Committee

A planning committee has been set up in Zambia. It is composed of CBR/disability stakeholders in Zambia and Chaired by Ms. Sharon Handongwe Mainza -- CBR Coordinator St. John of God - Holy Family Rehabilitation Center.

Responsibilities of the planning committee shall comprise the following:

- To develop a preliminary conference programme including details of the theme and sub-themes, the format of individual sessions, the timetable, breaks, social programme etc.
- To prepare a draft budget for the conference
- To open a specific conference account for purposes of managing conference finances
- To work co-operatively and effectively with the CAN Executive Committee and Secretariat on various aspects of the conference including the timetable, and identification and invitation of keynote speakers.
- To foster close links with the disability movement and

stakeholders in order to develop collaborative relationships and attract sponsorship/ exhibitor funding.

- To consult relevant stakeholders at various stages of the programme development process
- To ensure contract details are discussed with the conference venue, where applicable.
- To present regular reports to the CAN Secretariat
- To identify and raise additional funding from International NGOs, the private sector, Government agencies, etc
- To promote the conference by developing a promotion and marketing strategy
- To constitute a team of rapporteurs for the conference
- To coordinate the help from volunteers during the conference
- To coordinate practical work of those who are involved before, during and after the conference

7. CAN Executive Committee and Secretariat

The Secretariat, with the support of the Executive committee, will support the planning committee in its activities through:

- Fundraising
- Publicity and promotion
- Identification and confirmation of keynote speakers
- Scheduling/ Time tabling of the conference
- Co-selecting/validating the abstracts
- Developing the Information/ Welcome pack
- Issuing formal invitations
- Writing elaborate reports

8. Proposed Work plan

Item	Dates
Setting themes	February 2017
Marketing	February 2017 - May 2018
Registration	Early registration: April 18 th 2017-Dec.31 st 2017 Late registration: January 1 st 2018-April 30 th 2018
Fundraising	February 2017 - May 2018
Call for Abstracts	18 th April - 20 th August 2017
Identification of Keynote speakers	June 2017
Planning Meeting of CAN Executive Committee, secretariat and Zambian	June 2017

Organizing committee	
Setting up technical committee	June 2017
Selection of abstracts	September 2017
Review of abstracts	September-November 2017
Feedback to presenters	December 2017
Deadline for submission of final papers	February 2018
Final organizing committee meeting (CAN EC and Zambian Local committee)	March 2018
Final conference preparations	April 2018
Conference days	7 th -11 th May 2018

9. Registration

Early bird registration: \$ 320;

Registration fee: \$ 350

Final registration date: 30th April 2018