



CALL FOR APPLICATION

BRIDGE CRPD-SDGs Training Program for Uganda

(English language)

Supported by:

BIG Lottery Fund, CBM, IDA, IDDC & ADF

Background

IDA and IDDC recently developed the **BRIDGE CRPD-SDG training initiative** to support leaders and resource persons of organizations of people with disabilities to **advocate for inclusion and realization of all human rights for all persons with disabilities** in resources-constrained environments, and facing challenging governance and competing agendas and politics at national and local levels. The intensive BRIDGE CRPD-SDG program focuses on **inclusive and comprehensive understanding of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) as well as generating a CRPD perspective on development in general and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in particular**. As an outcome of the training program, advocates would have stronger skills and knowledge to make the most of both SDGs and the CRPD to ensure realization of all human rights for all persons with disabilities.

Since 2015, BRIDGE CRPD-SDG has been piloted in 5 regions (South East Asia, Latin America, Pacific, East-West Africa, Big Lakes Africa, and at national level Indonesia-East Timor) as a coordinated training investment, drawing from the resources and experiences of IDA and IDDC and their members as well as the Disability Rights Fund (DRF), and linking with regional DPO networks.

In 2016/17, the first full inclusive BRIDGE CRPD-SDG training cycle was conducted in Africa for 310 advocates from 10 English speaking Western Africa (*Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone*) and Eastern Africa (*Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda*) countries, in collaboration with IDA, IDDC, and their members, and with DRF; led by and the African Disability Forum (ADF), in Ghana and Kenya, first and second modules, respectively.

Now, ADF in partnership with CBM, IDA and IDDC and their members, supported by a grant from the Big Lottery Fund (BLF) of UK is launching a National BRIDGE CRPD – SDG training cycle in Uganda for disability advocates.

The BRIDGE CRPD – SDG training program is an intensive training composed of two modules of 7 days each with assignments to be carried out by each trainee between modules.

- Module 1 focuses on inclusive and comprehensive understanding of the CRPD and linkage to the SDGs
- Module 2 focuses on different components and tools of policy advocacy (public policy analysis, national data collection, legal harmonization, budget advocacy, inclusive programming, and use of international accountability mechanisms, among others).
- Assignments include producing a short policy brief analyzing one key policy issue with regards to implementation of the CRPD and inclusive development at national level.
- The completion of the two modules and assignments are required to obtain the training certificate.
- The BRIDGE CRPD-SDG training program puts much emphasis on participation of the diversity of persons with disabilities and gender equality.

The first module of the **BRIDGE CRPD-SDG training program in Uganda will take place from the 12th-19th April 2018.**

This Call for Applications is addressed to leaders and members of DPOs members of African Disability Forum, and IDA members and/or IDDC supported partners in Uganda.

Minimum criteria for all participants

- Be an active member of a DPO, member of a DPO federation that is a member organization of the African Disability Forum (ADF), be it at national, sub-regional or continental level. Or, for applicants from disability groups who have been traditionally excluded, evidence of being an active member of a self-advocacy group with the view to establishing or linking to a DPO.
- A commitment to learn, exchange, mentor and support other disability activists within their own group and beyond: be this at local, national or regional level.
- Have a genuine commitment to working inclusively to strengthen a cross disability movement, being ready to share and learn about the complexity and diversity of the lived experience of disability.
- A working awareness of the CRPD and a commitment to learn more about how to apply human rights concepts approach, including using other human rights treaties, and the SDGs to advocate disability inclusive public policy at national and local levels.
- Demonstrate experience, interest and aptitude to engage in influencing development processes and public policy, be this at local, national or regional level.

The minimum commitment from all Bridge CRPD-SDG participants who meet the criteria is to:

- Fully attend both modules and to undertake given assignments (a full missed day, disqualify participant to complete its BRIDGE training)
- Work with fellow participants to support an inclusive peer learning environment
- Support wider advocacy and public policy influencing for inclusive development during and following Bridge CRPD-SDG training
- Support cross disability networking and movement building of all people with disabilities of all backgrounds, diversity and characteristics
- Commit to undertake follow-up work as advocate in at least one of the following areas:
 - Public policy influencing with local and national government
 - Monitoring human rights implementation
 - Building capacity of cross disability movement

- Working with mainstream development agencies to promote inclusive development

Language

The medium of the training will be in English and ability to effectively communicate be this through other mediums such as sign language or any alternative modes, means and formats of communication is required.

Equity:

The selection of candidates will be based on fair representation of gender (male and female), age and different types of disabilities and background such as indigenous persons. Deaf people, persons with deaf blindness, persons with intellectual disabilities, persons with psychosocial disabilities, persons with autism, persons with albinism and persons with disabilities from minority groups are strongly encouraged to apply.

Application:

Interested persons are invited to provide a file containing:

- 1) A letter of expression of interest stating experience and commitment to the whole process (one page maximum). This could be done via recorded oral or video presentation, including in sign language.
- 2) An updated CV
- 3) A letter of recommendation on letterhead from a member DPO of a national, sub-regional or continental DPO, member of the African Disability Forum, IDA or IDDC member.

Files, including the letter of expression of interest and required information must **be submitted**

- **In English**
- **By e-mail to the following address: bridge.uganda2018@gmail.com**
- **No later than the **February 25, 2018,****
- **Titled "Application BRIDGE CRPD-SDGs Training Program Uganda "**

Announcement of the final participants list will be done latest **March 13, 2018.**