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ABSTRACT

Title: **Universal health coverage: ensuring enjoyment of the right to health for persons with disabilities**

Abstract text (limited to 300 words, should include background, methods, results and conclusions):

The right to health is a fundamental human right for all people (ICESCR, CRPD, and Disability Action Plan). Given the important inclusion of universal health coverage as a target in the SDGs (Agenda 2030) and push for strengthening good governance in the health sector - this is an opportune time that must not be missed to improve health access and ensure governments as duty-bearers are responsive to persons with disabilities health needs.

As recognised by the World Report on Disability, persons with disabilities are more likely to experience unequal access to health services, and more likely to experience greater health needs.

To ensure the right to health for persons with disabilities, efforts to ensure universal access will need to ensure health promotion and health services' accessibility, affordability, availability and acceptability, including ensuring availability and distribution of the right workforce sensitised to the needs of persons with disabilities.

This presentation will draw out some opportunities and challenges to ensure persons with disabilities are not missed within UHC and the health SDG implementation, broadly:

- Efforts need to be made to ensure that UHC essential packages reflect the health needs of all the population, and barriers to access are identified and accounted for within delivery. This will require participation within national implementation and monitoring processes on the SDGs, national health strategies, linking with health networks and processes
- Aside from promoting disaggregation of health indicators, there are entry points for leverage of the SDG suggested global indicators to help gain attention on rehabilitation and treatment of impairments, including ensuring the right workforce, with a need to advocate for regional and national indicators
- Consolidation and analysis of already existing data/ and further integrating disability within health research can help bolster the case

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