ITU REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON ICT ACCESSIBILITY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FOR AFRICA REGION

Universal Design & ICT: Public Procurement Toolkits

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Overview

- **Government Role** in Carrying Out ICT Obligations of the Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- **Best Practices** for Government in Supporting Accessibility Standards-Public Procurement Toolkits
- **Resources** for Government
ICT Obligations (Article 4)

- **Universal Design** - Promote UD in Development of Standards & Guidelines

- **Assistive Technologies** - Undertake or Promote Research, Development, Availability & Affordability

- **Accessible Information** – Provide Accessible Information about New Technologies and Support Services

- **Training on Disability Rights** - Promote Training about the Convention
ICT Accessibility (Article 9)

- **States must Address Equal Access** to Information, Electronic and Communications Technology and Emergency Services

- **Develop, Promulgate and Monitor Implementation** of Accessibility Standards and Guidelines for Facilities & Services
ICT Accessibility (Article 9)

- **Ensure Accessibility** of Private Entity Facilities & Services Open to the Public
- **Provide Training on Accessibility Issues** for Stakeholders
- **Promote Accessible Design** of New ICTs, including the Internet
- **Promote Accessibility at Early Stage of ICT Product Development**
Government Role - Other

- **Statistical and Data Collection (Article 31)** - Collect Statistical & Research Data to Assess Convention Implementation and to Identify Barriers; Data Itself is to be Accessible

- **International Cooperation (Article 32)** - Facilitate Research & Access to Scientific & Technical Knowledge; Provide Technical & Economic Assistance; Technology Transfer
Best Practices for Government

- Mainstreaming Disability Issues
- Supporting Stakeholder Engagement
**Best Practices for Government**

- Accessible Web Sites & Documents
- Accessible Meeting Rooms and Toilets
- Sign Language Interpreters, Real Time Captioning, Assistive Listening Devices, and Text Telephones
- Accessible Teleconferencing
Best Practices for Procuring Accessible ICT

CANADA- www.apt.gc.ca

- Accessible Product Requirements Inform Public Procurers
- Accessibility Clauses are Added to Purchasing Documents
Best Practices for Procuring Accessible ICT

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- Vendors are Informed as to What Accessibility Standards Apply to their Products
- Vendors Can Compare Conformance Level of their Products to Government or National Standards
Best Practices for Procuring Accessible ICT

IRELAND - accessit.nda.ie

- Accessible IT Procurement Toolkit
- Principles of Accessible Procurement
- Stages of Procurement
Best Practices for Procuring Accessible ICT
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- Accessibility Targets & Supporting Information
- Covers Web Accessibility, Public Access Terminals, Software, Telecoms and Smart Cards
Best Practices for Procuring Accessible ICT

USA-www.buyaccessible.gov

- Buy Accessible Data Center & Training
- Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT)
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Government Resources

- **Handbook for Parliamentarians on the Convention**
Government Resources

Involving People with Disabilities in the Standardisation Process
by Dr. John Gill OBE
Chief Scientist, Royal National Institute of Blind People

▪ Available Free Online at www.tiresias.org/publications/disabilities_standardisation/index.htm
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