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

**THE ROLE OF AFRICAN NON-  
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN  
PROMOTING ACCESSIBLE ICT IN AFRICA;  
African communications Decade**

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# WHAT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES EXIST PERTAINING TO ACCESS TO ICT AND DISABILITY?

## *issues*

- The non adherence by many governments, especially those in developing countries to the requirements stated in the 1993 UN Charter on the Standard Rules for Equalization of Opportunities for persons with Disabilities.
- The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was sought in March, 2006, with regards to accessibility for ICT, article 9 of the convention categorically aims to “Enable persons with Disabilities to live independently and participate fully in all aspects of life. It further states that ‘Parties shall take appropriate measures to ensure that Persons with Disabilities have access on an equal basis to transportation, to information and communications including information and communication technologies and systems, and facilities and services, open and provided to the public both in urban and rural areas.”

# IDENTIFYING BARRIERS TO ICT

The World Digital Divide Between Developed and  
Developing Nations

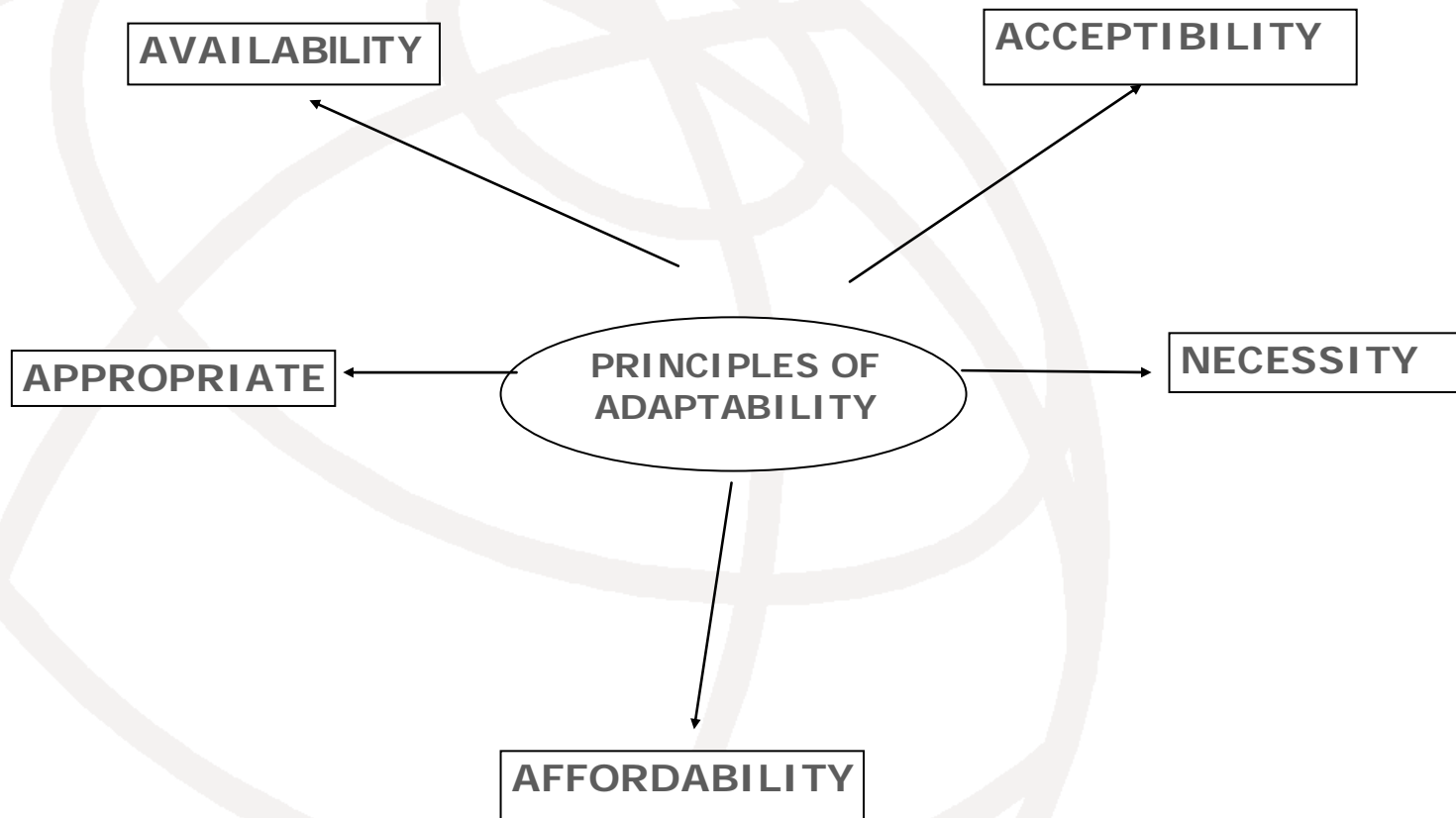
Absence of standards and regulations

Ignorance on the part of policy and decision makers

## REMOVING BARRIERS TO ICT

- INCLUSIVE DESIGN
- STRICT ADHERENCE TO STANDARDS AND LEGISLATION
- UNIVERSAL DESIGN
- ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY
- ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

THE ROLE OF DPOs IN ENSURING ACCESS TO ICT  
BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES/WAY  
FORWARD



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