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## **New NDIA Benchmarking Function**

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is developing a new benchmarking function that will help existing and aspiring National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) providers compare their operations with other providers in the market.

We want to hear from providers that deliver one or more of the following services:

- assistance with self-care activities,
- assistance to access community,
- social and recreational activities (including group and centre based), and
- Supported Independent Living.

We will work with you to benchmark your metrics against others in the market and provide you with data that will help your organisation operate efficiently and effectively in the NDIS.

All commercial information will be managed by an independent third party and remain confidential.

Find out more about the [Benchmarking project](#).

## **Disability News**

### **NDIS Joint Standing Committee announces Inquiry into the provision of services under the NDIS for people with psychosocial disabilities related to a mental health condition**

The Joint Standing Committee on the NDIS as part of the role in conducting an inquiry into the implementation, performance and governance of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), the committee will inquire into the provision of services under the NDIS for people with psychosocial disabilities related to a mental health condition.

The terms of reference for the inquiry are as follows:

1. That the joint committee inquire into and report on the provision of services under the NDIS for people with psychosocial disabilities related to a mental health condition, with particular reference to:
  - a. the eligibility criteria for the NDIS for people with a psychosocial disability;

- b. the transition to the NDIS of all current long and short term mental health Commonwealth Government funded services, including the Personal Helpers and Mentors services (PHaMs) and Partners in Recovery (PIR) programs, and in particular;
    - i. whether these services will continue to be provided for people deemed ineligible for the NDIS;
  - c. the transition to the NDIS of all current long and short term mental health state and territory government funded services, and in particular;
    - i. whether these services will continue to be provided for people deemed ineligible for the NDIS;
  - d. the scope and level of funding for mental health services under the Information, Linkages and Capacity building framework;
  - e. the planning process for people with a psychosocial disability, and the role of primary health networks in that process;
  - f. whether spending on services for people with a psychosocial disability is in line with projections;
  - g. the role and extent of outreach services to identify potential NDIS participants with a psychosocial disability; and
  - h. the provision, and continuation of services for NDIS participants in receipt of forensic disability services;
  - i. any related matter.
2. That the joint committee report by 22 June 2017.

## Submissions

The committee calls for submissions on the provision of services under the NDIS for people with psychosocial disabilities related to a mental health condition.

**The due date for submissions is 27 February 2017.**

Contacts for the Committee Secretariat and submissions [here](#)

## NDIA National Mental Health Sector Reference Group

The NMHSRG provides expert advice from a cross section of the mental health sector to the NDIA about the integration of psychosocial disability and mental health into the NDIS. The Sector Communiqué from this group's October 2016 meeting is available and can be accessed [here](#)

## Featured Conference

Registrations now open

23 – 24 February 2017

## National Disability Services NDS NSW 2017 Conference. Theme: Turning Plans Into Outcomes.

Hilton Hotel, Sydney.

*Early bird discount registration closes: 20 January 2017*

*All Registrations close 5pm Friday 17 February 2017*

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<https://www.nds.org.au/events-and-training/conferences/nds-nsw-conference-2017>

*[Register online (recommended) or Registration Forms attached to this edition]*

**Easy Registration Online:** <https://ors.eventsair.com/nds-nsw-conf-2017/registrations>

**PDF Brochure (attached):** [https://www.nds.org.au/images/events/files/NSW17\\_Reg\\_Broch\\_v1.pdf](https://www.nds.org.au/images/events/files/NSW17_Reg_Broch_v1.pdf)

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**Supporter Kit download** [here](#)

### New NDIS Board Members and Chair

The Board overseeing the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will be expanded from 1 January 2017 to ensure it has the disability service, financial management, corporate governance and insurance-based expertise needed to guide the \$22 billion scheme through its critical three year expansion to 2019-20.

The new Chair of the National Disability Insurance Agency Board, Dr Helen Nugent AO, is an experienced Chairperson with a history of very senior roles in the financial services, health, energy, resources, education and arts sectors.

She will be supported by four continuing Board members and seven new members, to combine high level experience in governance, finance, risk management and insurance; together with lived experience of disability to provide confidence to the sector that the NDIS will be expertly overseen to deliver for people with disability, their families and carers.

The new members of the Board from 1 January 2017 are:

- Ms Sandra Birkenleigh: A member of the Reserve Bank of Australia's audit committee and the Sunshine Coast Children's Therapy Centre with extensive experience in financial services, risk management and compliance.
- Ms Robyn Kruk AM: Deputy Chair of Mental Health Australia, who has held numerous senior roles in government bodies, including establishing and working as the inaugural CEO of the National Mental Health Commission.
- Mr John Langoulant AO: Former Under Treasurer of the West Australian Treasury with extensive experience in the private and public sectors.
- Mr Jim Minto: A director of the Australian Finance Group and Dai-ichi Life Asia-Pacific with extensive insurance experience.
- Mr Paul O'Sullivan: Current Chair of Singtel Optus and board member of Healthscope Limited and the St George and Sutherland Medical Research Foundation.
- Ms Estelle Pearson: Award winning actuary and director of Finity Consulting with extensive experience in the insurance industry.
- Ms Andrea Staines: An experienced director and advisor on strategic planning and risk management and board member of Uniting Care QLD and Australian Rural Leadership Foundation.

Read the full Ministerial Media Release [here](#)

### Information, Linkages and Capacity Building Commissioning Framework

The NDIA have just released the new version of the Information, Linkages And Capacity Building (ILC) Commissioning Framework, outlining the long awaited details on what, who, how and when ILC will be funded. The updated framework includes:

- The new outcomes identified for ILC,
- The way ILC will work with LAC, the NDIS and mainstream services and supports, and
- How the grants component of ILC will work.

### **NDIS Contact Centre new operating hours**

Based on feedback we have received over the past few months, we are pleased to advise that the NDIS Contact Centre, 1800 800 110 is now operating 8am to 11pm local times, Monday to Friday. For calls received outside our new operating times a recording will advise the caller of the Contact Centre operating hours. As this is not an answering machine service, callers will need to phone the NDIS 1800 number during the operating hours of 8am -11pm Monday to Friday. We will continue to monitor call volume patterns to ensure the Contact Centre operating times provide the community with the services and support they need.

### **New NDIA Operational Guidelines**

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) has updated its Operational Guidelines. These guidelines help the public to understand how the NDIA makes decisions about people and the National Disability Insurance Scheme. The new guidelines can be found at <https://www.ndis.gov.au/operational-guideline/overview-sitemap.html> as well as a [fact sheet](#) on the updates.

### **New Psychosocial Disability Fact Sheet**

This [new fact sheet](#) has been developed alongside carers and consumers and talks about how the NDIS supports participants with psychosocial disability.

### **NDIA 2015-16 Annual Report**

Our 2015-16 Annual Report has been released and is available on our website. Read about the Scheme's progress over the last 12 months [here](#).

## Disability Issues In The Media

### **Government reforms will leave 'no business untouched' in the aged care sector**

The coming 18 months will be extremely challenging as all aged care providers adapt to a competitive market and cope with the changes to their revenue base, write Louise Greene and Fiona Somerville. Read full Australian Ageing Agenda article at their [web site](#)

### **Clinical care tops the list of complaints to aged care commissioner**

Concerns about core clinical standards in residential aged care were the most common complaints to the new Aged Care Complaints Commissioner in the first half of 2016, new figures show. Read full Australian Ageing Agenda article at their [web site](#)

### **New resource to inform staff and aged care residents' families on sexuality**

Sex remains important for many people living in aged care, but a challenge for staff and residents' family members, writes Michael Bauer. Read full Australian Ageing Agenda article at their [web site](#)

### **Study explores how to cope with wandering behaviour**

Engaging people with dementia in meaningful activities and increasing family education and support can make a difference when addressing risky wandering, write Cheryl Alexander and Geoff Jones. Read full Australian Ageing Agenda article at their [web site](#).

### **Cap on aged care beds will stay in place until rural issues solved: Wyatt**

The Federal Government has ruled out the full deregulation of residential aged care places until adequate safeguards can be put in place ensuring provision of care in regional and rural Australia. Read full Australian Ageing Agenda article at their [web site](#).

### **Aged care funding: Government compromises on budget's ACFI changes**

The Federal Government announces changes to how it will achieve savings of \$1.2 billion in aged care funding by adjusting some of the controversial measures contained in its May budget. Read full Australian Ageing Agenda article at their [web site](#).

### National Disability Services

<http://www.nds.org.au/>

**National Disability Services (NDS) is Australia's peak body for non-government disability service organisations.** Collectively, our 840 NDS members operate several thousand services for Australians with all types of disability. Members range in size from small support groups to large multi-service organisations.

**NDS's purpose is to promote quality service provision and life opportunities for Australians with disability.** This is achieved by influencing governments at all levels and providing members with information and advice, networking opportunities and business support.

**NDS has a National Secretariat in Canberra and offices in every state and territory.** The National Secretariat allows for co-ordination of the respective state and territory bodies at a federal level, while the latter focus on state issues surrounding disability. The organisation as a whole is governed by a national Board which includes the elected Chair from each state/territory, as well as representatives elected directly by members.

#### ***Membership Categories***

National Disability Services has two categories of membership: Organisational and Life.

- Organisational Membership is for not-for-profit organisations in the disability field.
- Life members are individuals elected by a general meeting of NDS.

#### **Benefits and Entitlements of NDS membership**

##### ***Subscriber Categories***

National Disability Services has two categories of subscribers: Organisational Associate and Individual Associate

- Organisational Associate is for for-profit and government organisations with an interest in disability issues.
- Individual Associate is for individuals with an interest in disability issues. However, it is not available to members or staff of organisations eligible to be Organisational members of NDS, but who have not taken up such membership.

#### **Benefits and Entitlements of Associates and Individuals**

**Don't forget to register NOW for the NDS NSW Conference – places are filling up fast.**

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**National Disability Services NDS NSW 2017 Conference.** Hilton Hotel, Sydney.

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## Disability News

### [Victoria to introduce licensing of disability workers, Premier announces](#)

The Victorian Government will introduce an independent registration and accreditation scheme for disability workers, becoming the first jurisdiction in the country to commit to the regulatory regime. Premier Daniel Andrews said the scheme would protect people with a disability from harm and would ensure workers had “the right skills, experience and qualifications.” A spokesperson for the Premier confirmed to *Community Care Review* that an advisory group of experts, people with disability and sector and workforce representatives was being set up to help steer the scheme’s design. Read the full Community Care Review article [here](#)

## Disability News

### [Transition from prison for people with intellectual disability: a qualitative study of service professionals](#)

Report by Jesse T. Young, Kate van Dooren, Fernanda Claudio, Craig Cumming, Nick Lennox for the Australian Institute of Criminology. People with intellectual disability face a range of challenges on their release from prison due both to their own needs and the complexity of the service delivery system, which can make effective service delivery difficult. This difficulty is exacerbated by the sometimes combative nature of relationships between service providers. These issues could be addressed, at least in part, by improved training and stricter guidelines for those working in the sector. Representatives of disability and justice-related agencies in Queensland and Western Australia were interviewed for this research. The findings will be useful to policymakers and those who work in corrections, disability support and related sectors. [Download Report](#)

## Scholarships & Fellowships News

### **Gregory & Dolores Farrell Scholarships for 2017 – Applications Now Open**

The Gregory & Dolores Farrell Scholarships for students who use a wheelchair for mobility undertaking tertiary education in NSW will again be administered by the SpineCare Foundation in 2017.

**The closing date for applications for 2017 is: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2017.**

Students who are completing year 12 at the end of this year will be eligible to apply if they plan on attending university in 2017. Students who are part of the way through a tertiary course are also eligible to apply.

If you require any further information, please contact Deanna Mooney on: [deanna.mooney@northcott.com.au](mailto:deanna.mooney@northcott.com.au) or 9890 0959.

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### Mental health services in Australia: 2016

Mental health services-In brief 2016 provides an overview of data about the national response of the health and welfare system to the mental health care needs of Australians.

This is the fourth update to the *Mental health services in Australia* website for 2016.

The following sections will be updated:

- Admitted patient mental-health related care
- Ambulatory-equivalent mental health-related care-public hospitals
- Ambulatory-equivalent mental health-related care-private hospitals
- Mental health-related services provided by general practitioners
- Mental health services provided in emergency departments
- State and territory community mental health care services
- Residential mental health care services

AIHW catalogue number: **HSE 180**

**Media release:** [More mental health prescriptions dispensed-but government spending falls due to lower costs](#)

**Download report:** [Mental health services-in brief 2016](#)

**View web page:** [Mental health services in Australia tranche 4](#)

## Books & Publications

### Information for consumers with disability

When you buy goods and services including disability-related purchases, you have rights under law. This fact sheet explains your consumer rights and the steps you can take to resolve problems. This publication was developed by the state/territory consumer protection agencies and the ACCC. [Download from here.](#)

### [Healthy Ageing and Aged Care](#)

A new book edited by Charles Sturt University academics Dr Maree Bernoth and Dr Denise Winkler, captures the personal experiences of ageing as told by older people as a powerful learning tool for health students.

### [Aged care: a quick guide](#)

Provides a brief overview of aged care in Australia, describing the types of care provided, arrangements for accessing subsidised care, statistics on aged care, the organisations that provide care, and the regulatory arrangements for ensuring quality care. Total government expenditure on aged care services was around \$15.8 billion in 2014–15, with the Australian Government providing approximately 95 per cent of this funding.

## Policies & Guidelines

### New Local Government Disability Guide

[Disability Inclusion Planning – A Guide for Local Government](#) provides information and tools for councils to help them develop and implement inclusive policies and practices that ensure people with disability have equal access to services and facilities in their local government areas. The updated guide includes case studies, checklists, and toolkits which provide practical advice to councils to help them develop or update their Disability Inclusion Action Plans.

### High Court of Australia rejected an appeal to have Auslan interpreter for jury service

The High Court of Australia unanimously rejected an appeal from Gaye L, a Queensland woman who had been turned down for jury service because she requires an Auslan interpreter to participate in proceedings. “The decision is very disappointing”, says peak national disability group, Disabled Persons Organisations Australia (DPO Australia). “However, we won’t be deterred in our fight to ensure that people who are Deaf, or with disability, can access the justice system on an equal basis with other Australians,” said Ngila Bevan, Co-CEO of People with Disability Australia and member of DPO Australia. [Read full PWD article.](#)

## Un Committee Considers Participation Of Deaf People In Jury Duty

Anyone can be asked to be on a jury, and decide if someone did a crime or not. But that is hard for people with disability. Many jury rooms are not accessible. Jurors who are deaf are not provided with Auslan interpreters, so they can't do it. And some people say you can't have extra people in the jury room, like interpreters. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) says everyone should be able to do jobs like this, with support if needed. The Law Society has published an article on this. It discusses the problems of using Auslan interpreters in courts and for juries. It says people can use the UNCRPD to challenge the system. They gave the Disability Council NSW permission to publish the article. Download at [JURY SERVICE](#)

## Australia's First National Guideline for Autism Diagnosis

A major study has been launched to develop Australia's first national diagnostic guideline for autism led by The Cooperative Research Centre for Living with Autism (Autism CRC). NDIA Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Louise Glanville, said the Agency was committed to co-design and recognised the design of the Scheme must be informed by the lived experiences of participants and people with disability. "Working with Autism CRC provides the Agency with an opportunity to participate in an exceptional collaboration with the autism community, researchers, practitioners and service providers to improve the diagnosis and early identification and understanding of autism," Ms Glanville said. While access to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is not dependent on a diagnosis, the team will be working closely with the NDIA to ensure the guideline aligns with the processes for entry into the NDIS. [View the full article on the Autism CRC website \(external website\).](#)

## Directories Online

### ClickAbility - Consumer Service Ratings Online

[www.clickability.com.au](http://www.clickability.com.au)

Clickability website in Industry they are an Australian disability service directory which features ratings and reviews from the people who actually use the services. The site lets you find out about services, share your experiences and connect with others about issues that matter to you! They've been up and running in Victoria for over a year and are now coming to NSW.

They'll be launching a directory of NDIS registered services, and service providers have the option of subscribing to get more out of Clickability site.

**MyHospitals website** ([www.myhospitals.gov.au](http://www.myhospitals.gov.au)) hospital-level information on waiting times by:

- urgency of surgery
- the speciality of the surgeons performing the elective surgery
- various surgical procedures.

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**The 2017 studio guests coming up include:** = PJ O'Brien (Blues Artiste of The Year), Lachy Doley, Cyril B Bunter Band, Stormcellar, Luke Escombe, The Vegetable Plot, Keith Hall Band, Joel Leffler, Orcaband, Peter Pik, Anne & Ben Palumbo, The Urban Excentrics, Mark & The Blues, Bruce Johnson Girrorakool Blues Festival, Christina Crofts, Blues Arcade, Blues Explosion, Ivor SK, Dan Granero, Martin Cilia, Turner & Simmons, Kate Lush, TMG, Chris Turner, Paula McMahan, Blues Pirates, Phantom Mk V, Big Rock Records, Sydney Blues & Roots Festival, Kevin Johnson, and many more in 2017. **Join our 10,500+ Facebook Likes** and follow our studio guest announcements at <https://www.facebook.com/Australian.Spectrum.Show.Alive90.5fm>



### ACCC Information for Consumers with disability

When you pay for a product or service yourself, as an NDIS participant, or through your state or territory's disability support system - you have consumer rights. These resources from Australia's consumer protection agencies are designed to help you understand and use your rights.

[Your consumer rights: a guide for consumers with disability](#)

This guide is for consumers with a disability and their carers and support networks.

It is designed to help you understand and use the rights that the law gives you as a consumer. It includes a complaint letter template and a services cancellation notice template.

[Information for consumers with disability](#)

This factsheet is for consumers with disability.

It provides a short summary of your consumer rights and the steps you can take to resolve problems.

## Research & Demographic Reports

### Psychological Disability - Australian Bureau of Statistics Survey

2012 Australian Bureau of Statistics Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (SDAC). Psychological disability refers to people who reported:

- A nervous or emotional condition which causes restrictions in everyday activities that has lasted, or is expected to last for six months or more; or
- A mental illness for which help or supervision is required that has lasted, or is expected to last for six months or more; or
- A brain injury, including stroke, which results in a mental illness or nervous and emotional condition which causes restrictions in everyday activities.
- Of all people with any type of disability, 18.5% had a psychological disability.
- 3.4% of Australians (770,500 people) reported having a psychological disability, with similar rates for men and women. This was an increase from 2.8% (606,000 people) in 2009.
- Of those with a psychological disability, just over four in ten reported profound levels of core activity limitation, and a further two in ten severe core activity limitations.

It was also revealed that a wide range of long-term health conditions and impairments coexist with psychological disability

Read the full report at

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats%5Cabs@.nsf/0/00957983DAB631FECA257DE4000E2F88?Opendocument>

### Alcohol and other drug treatment services in Australia 2014-15

- In 2014-15, around 850 alcohol and other drug treatment services provided just over 170,000 treatment episodes to around 115,000 clients.
- The top 4 drugs that led clients to seek treatment were alcohol (38% of treatment episodes), cannabis (24%), amphetamines (20%) and heroin (6%).
- The proportion of episodes where clients were receiving treatment for amphetamines has continued to increase over the last 10 years, from 11% of treatment episodes in 2005-06 to 20% in 2014-15.
- The median age of clients in AOD treatment services is increasing, 33 years in 2014-15, up from 31 in 2005-06.

**Media release:** [1 in 200 Australians seek treatment for alcohol and other drugs](#)

**Report:** [Alcohol and other drug treatment services in Australia 2014-15](#)

## Monitoring the health impacts of mandatory folic acid and iodine fortification:

-This report assesses the health effects of mandatory folic acid and iodine fortification, introduced to help reduce the **prevalence of neural tube defects** and address the re-emergence of iodine deficiency in the population.

-**Mandatory fortification resulted in** increased levels of folic acid and iodine in the food supply, increased folic acid and iodine intakes, **a decreased rate of neural tube defects in Australia**, and improved iodine status in the general populations in Australia and New Zealand. AIHW catalogue number: **PHE 208**

- **Media release:** [Decrease in neural tube defects since folic acid added to bread](#)  
**Download report:** [Monitoring the health impacts of mandatory folic acid and iodine fortification 2016](#)

## Profile of specialised mental health care facilities

<http://mhsa.aihw.gov.au/resources/facilities/>

Specialised mental health care is delivered in and by a range of facilities in Australia including [public](#) and [private](#) psychiatric hospitals, [psychiatric units or wards in public acute hospitals](#), [community mental health care services](#) and [government-operated](#) and [non government-operated residential mental health services](#).

The information presented in this section is drawn primarily from the National Mental Health Establishments Database.

### Key points

- Specialised mental health services for admitted patients were provided by 159 public hospitals during 2013–14. These facilities employed nearly 14,000 full-time-equivalent staff, had 6,791 specialised mental health beds available, and provided care to admitted patients for over 2.1 million patient days. In addition, 63 private hospitals delivered specialised mental health services, providing 2,593 specialised mental health service beds.
- There were 2,427 residential mental health service beds available during 2013–14, with almost two-thirds of the provided in government operated services.
- There were over 30,500 full-time-equivalent staff employed in state and territory specialised mental health care services in 2013–14, with over half of these (51%) being nurses. Nationally, this equates to 131 FTE staff per 100,000 population.
- Over the last 2 decades to 2013–14, the number of full-time-equivalent health care providers employed in public sector community mental health services increased from 3,358 in 1993–94 (or 19 per 100,000 population) to 10,711 in 2013–14 (or 46 per 100,000 population), reaching around 41% of all staff across public sector specialised mental health services during 2013–14.

### Dementia set to become leading cause of death 'in the next few years'

Heart disease has been Australia's leading cause of death since the early 20th century but that could change as dementia death rates continue to rise, latest figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics show.

## Featured Course

### University of Sydney Postgraduate Program in Developmental Disability

[Graduate Certificate](#)

[Masters](#)

**Applications close on 31 January 2017** each year for both domestic and international students. Visit <http://sydney.edu.au/courses/programs/postgrad-developmental-disability> for specific admission requirements.

The Developmental Disability program is designed to provide the opportunity for practitioners from diverse backgrounds (including, allied health therapies, social work, behavioural science, education, disability, nursing, medical, and dental professions) to develop specialist skills in the field of developmental disabilities.

Flexible online distance education learning allows you to learn from home, where ever that may be.

The program is comprised of a Graduate Certificate of Health Science (Developmental Disability) and a Master of Health Science (Developmental Disability). Both courses are designed to expand awareness, knowledge and

understanding of the issues faced by people with developmental disabilities. The program aims to enhance the skills of relevant professionals, to enable effective response to the challenges faced by the sector.

Hear Professor Roger Stancliffe talk about the Master of Health Science (Developmental Disability) course on YouTube at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8T0U\\_uJC-8&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8T0U_uJC-8&feature=youtu.be)

### **ONLINE EDUCATION DIRECTORY**

*Online professional development is an easy way to access further education – especially valuable for shift workers – so we have researched some options and put them on our web site at [http://www.globalcarestaff.com/page/online\\_education.html](http://www.globalcarestaff.com/page/online_education.html)*

## Education Resources

### **[DTA rolls out free dementia training for aged care workers](#)**

Aged and health care workers can now access a fully-funded dementia training program, delivered by facilitators from Alzheimer's Australia. Read the full Australian Aged Care Agenda article [here](#).

## **Human Rights-based Approach to Disability - e-Learning**

<http://www.unitar.org/dcp/human-rights-based-approach-disability-0>

United Nations Institute for Training and Research course.

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) which entered into force in 2008, is a legally binding instrument which has been widely ratified. It is grounded in a human rights-based approach, moving away from previous models on how to approach disability, such as the medical model. This change is profound and is often recognized as a paradigm shift in the thinking of disability. Understanding the human rights-based approach to disability is key to ensuring that policy-makers and other stakeholders who work on issues affecting the rights of persons with disabilities, can design laws, policies and programmes, in a way that is consistent with the CRPD.

UNITAR, with the support of the Inter-Agency Support Group for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (IASG), offers the e-learning course "The Human Rights-Based Approach to Disability", which provides a unique opportunity to understand the human rights-based approach and to learn how to apply it, as well as to understand core aspects of the CRPD, with a particular focus on anti-discrimination and participation. In addition, this course studies principles and standards deriving from the international human rights system reflecting on the experience acquired by UN Agencies, Civil Society Organizations and persons with disabilities themselves.

The overall objective of this course is to advance a better understanding of the human rights-based approach to disability and to enable participants to identify gaps between existing policy and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, in order to implement it correctly.

The e-learning course will be comprised of the following four modules:

- Module 1: What is (and what is not) disability?
- Module 2: Introduction to the CRPD
- Module 3: Discrimination and anti-discrimination in the CRPD
- Module 4: Cross-cutting provisions in the CRPD

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28 February 2017

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