



UN Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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The UNPRPD

A Joint United Nations Initiative on Disability Rights

SITUATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

According to the 'World Report on Disability,' more than one billion people, or about 15 per cent of the world's population, live with some form of disability. This figure is projected to increase due to aging populations, the growing incidence of chronic health conditions associated with disability and other factors such as road traffic accidents, emergencies and disasters.

Multiple barriers continue to prevent persons with disabilities from the equal and effective enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms.



TOWARDS A SOCIETY FOR ALL

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities' holds the potential to generate major breakthroughs for people with disabilities around the world, and the recently approved Sustainable Development Goals represent a unique opportunity for disability-inclusive development.

The United Nations Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD) is a unique collaborative effort that brings together UN entities, governments, organizations of persons with disabilities and the broader civil society works to translate these possibilities into reality.



ADVANCING DISABILITY RIGHTS THROUGH STRUCTURAL INTERVENTIONS

In pursuing its objectives, the UNPRPD adopts strategies that variously combine the following elements:

KEY ACTORS



Duty bearers



Right holders



Multiple partners

LEVERS OF CHANGE



Promotion of normative environments

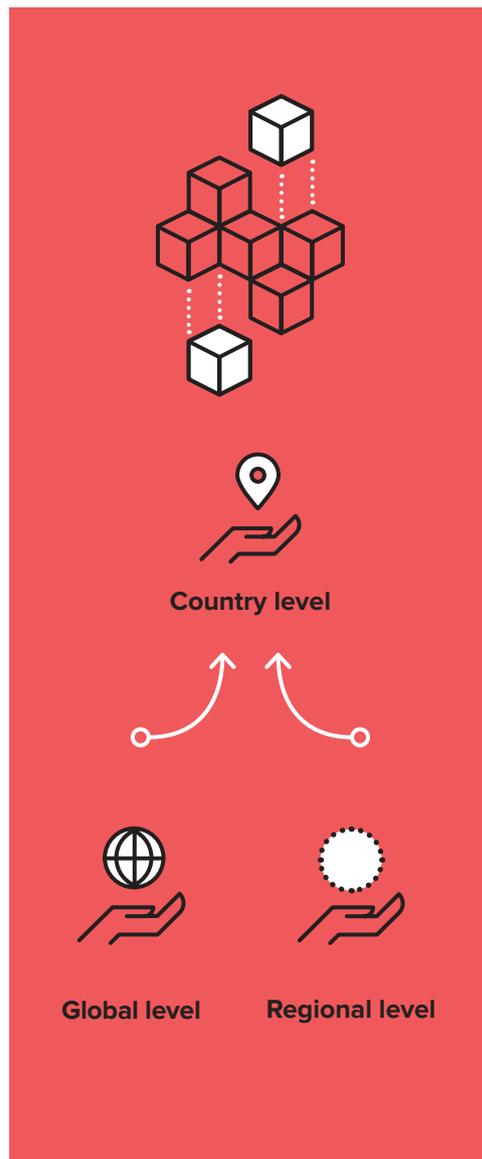


Coalition-building



Capacity strengthening

STRUCTURAL CHANGE

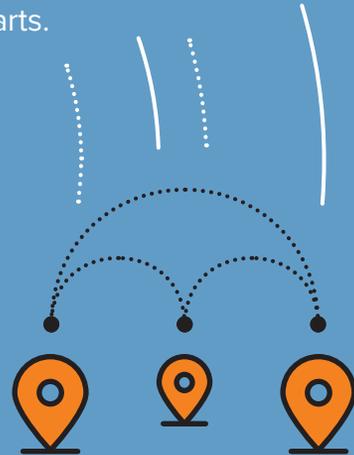
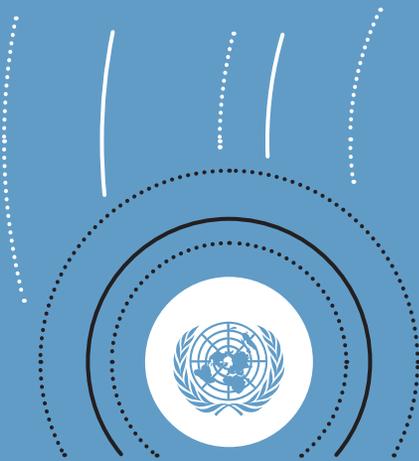


UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE UNPRPD



Integrates the normative and operational mandates of the UN system in the area of disability rights by offering a venue for holders of normative mandates within the UN system to engage more systematically with UN operational activities at country level.

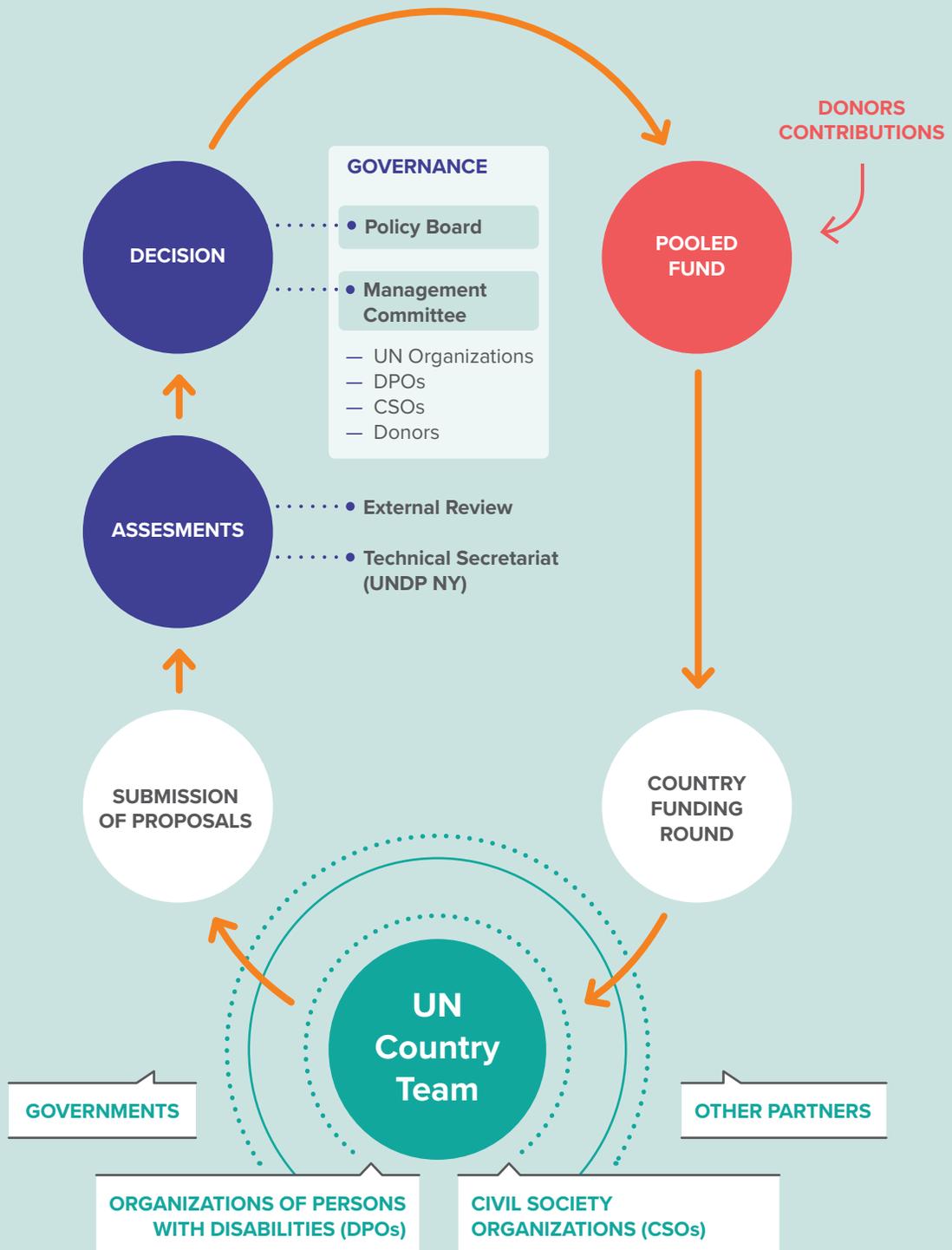
Offers administrative efficiency and transparency by using a pooled-funding mechanism (the UNPRPD Fund) which significantly reduces overhead and transaction costs for all partners, including donors, fund recipients and national counterparts.



Promotes a 'One UN' approach to disability rights through its joint programming modality generating efficiencies and enhancing the impact of the UN system in promoting the rights of persons with disabilities and bringing together multiple areas of expertise.

Promotes partnership-building at country level by leveraging the unique convening power of the UN system and tapping into the varied networks of its different partners (UN entities, organizations of persons with disabilities, consortia of civil society organizations, international donors) in order to build bridges, facilitate dialogue and promote collaboration among multiple stakeholders.

SELECTION PROCESS FOR COUNTRY PROJECTS





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WHERE WE WORK

The UNPRPD supports 38 country-level joint UN programmes on disability rights across all regions, as well as two regional initiatives providing assistance to umbrella organizations of persons with disabilities in Africa and the Pacific.

In addition, two global programs have been supported by the Partnership, aimed respectively at promoting the participation of persons with disabilities in post-2015 negotiations and developing a 'One UN' approach to disability statistics.

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