



Talking Points on Disability for World Bank Safeguard Consultations

*The World Bank's Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies are designed to lessen social and environmental risks associated with World Bank investments. However, as they stand now, the rights of people with disabilities have not been addressed in these policies. People with disabilities, often some of the poorest and most vulnerable people in countries where the World Bank has its projects, are not systematically consulted or considered in the planning and design of projects. The lack of an inclusive development policy may have harmed people with disabilities because their needs have not been specifically addressed by the World Bank. **The World Bank must take the lead in inclusive international development by mandating systematic inclusion of disability into World Bank operations, ensuring that all relevant Bank-funded projects are inclusive in design and implementation, and ensuring strong, clear policy language on disability mainstreaming and inclusive development in the safeguards.***

- Ensure systematic, cross-cutting integration of disability mainstreaming and inclusive development throughout all safeguard policies;
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) must be a model for World Bank safeguard language on inclusive development and disability mainstreaming;
- Include persons with disabilities in the safeguard review consultation process and include and consider people with disabilities when designing and implementing Bank projects;
- Promote further awareness among the World Bank staffs on the need for systematic consideration of inclusive development standards;
- World Bank must expand its interest in disability beyond issues of social protection and security;
- World Bank must adopt binding disability rights standards to monitor borrowing countries' compliance with inclusive development practices;
- World Bank Task Team Leaders must set up clear internal standards for monitoring safeguard-affected projects to ensure the essential and systematic integration of disability;
- World Bank must monitor implementation of the safeguards to ensure compliance on disability mainstreaming and inclusive development.