

# Policy and legal instruments of disability



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## Learning objectives

By the end of the session, participants shall be able to:

- Define policy and legal instruments.
- List the main policy and legal instruments on disability at national level.
- Describe the scope of the rights for persons with disabilities enshrined in the main legal and policy instruments.
- Describe strategies to enforce legal and policy instruments.

# Policy and legal instruments

- Outline laws, policies and guidelines that affect the rights of persons with disabilities.
- Provide a framework and standard for mainstreaming disability in programme development and implementation.
- Reflect national efforts to domesticate international legal and policy instruments and guidelines on disability.

# Knowledge of instruments

- **National level:** stakeholders are accountable to develop and revise laws and policies.
- **District level:** knowledge can be used in planning, coordinating, and to hold national level stakeholders to account.
- **Community level:** knowledge of rights is empowering – enabling people with disabilities to claim their rights.
- **All levels:** Being aware of instruments can help mobilize resources for disability.

# UN CRPD

- Main international instrument is the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD).
- Most important international treaty on disability.

**1** NO POVERTY



**2** ZERO HUNGER



**3** GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



**4** QUALITY EDUCATION



**5** GENDER EQUALITY



**6** CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



**7** AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



**8** DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



**9** INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



**10** REDUCED INEQUALITIES



**11** SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



# THE GLOBAL GOALS

For Sustainable Development

**12** RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



**13** CLIMATE ACTION



**14** LIFE BELOW WATER



**15** LIFE ON LAND



**16** PEACE AND JUSTICE STRONG INSTITUTIONS



**17** PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



# Other international instruments

- UN Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities
- The Salamanca Statement
- UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- African Disability Protocol
- The Marrakesh VIP Treaty
- Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women.

# National instruments

- Constitution
- Acts
- Policies
- Global Disability Summit Commitments



# Activity

- In your group, read the information provided to familiarize yourself with the national instrument you have been allocated.
- Consider to what extent the instrument is being implemented to meet the rights of persons with disabilities.



**Community Based  
Inclusive Development**