

# Press Release

## Post-2015 DRR Framework Inclusive of Persons with Disabilities

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**CBM and The International Disability Alliance (IDA)** have been very active in the processes leading to Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in Sendai, Japan, with both represented in the disability caucus as focal points. Advocacy for inclusion of persons with disabilities in line with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities has been successful thus far, with strong references in the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction zero draft and the announcement that the Sendai conference will be accessible. We continue to encourage the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the outcome document as well as in Sendai, highlighting the positive contributions and experiences of persons with disabilities in DRR.

As disability caucus focal points we have focused our advocacy on the strong role that persons with disabilities and their respective organisations can play in improving community-based and national resilience. We have highlighted the importance of persons with disabilities as contributors, partners and leaders in DRR perspectives, rather than their being viewed solely as recipients of aid. Thus far, this has been well understood and accepted by the different stakeholders. We think it is integral to have resilience at the centre of this process as it also helps build linkages between the different post-2015 frameworks.

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