

International Disability Alliance (IDA)

Disabled Peoples' International, Down Syndrome International, Inclusion International,
International Federation of Hard of Hearing People,
Rehabilitation International, World Blind Union,
World Federation of the Deaf, World Federation of the DeafBlind,
World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry,
Arab Organization of Disabled People, European Disability Forum,
Red Latinoamericana de Organizaciones no Gubernamentales de Personas con
Discapacidad y sus familias (RIADIS)

Suggestions for disability-relevant recommendations to be included in the Concluding Observations of the Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women 47th Session (4-22 October 2010)

The International Disability Alliance (IDA) has prepared the following suggestions for the Concluding Observations, based on references to persons with disabilities to be found in the CEDAW Committee's 47th Session state report.

BURKINA FASO

Burkina Faso ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on 23 July 2009.

References to persons with disabilities in the state report:

State Report

172. In the specific case of **disabled women**, Government action has focused mainly on:

- **support for mobility and independence:** this has involved the provision of various forms of material **assistance to disabled women to allow them to reach and maintain an optimal functional level and greater independence.** From 2001 to 2006, disabled persons were provided with 42 white sticks, 433 simple tricycles, 5 motorized tricycles, 220 wheelchairs, 2 orthopaedic prostheses and 76 hearing aids;
- **support to enhance the operational capacity of organizations for the disabled.** During the period, Burkina Faso granted a subsidy amounting to CFAF 114,700,000 to support organizations for the disabled in carrying out publicity work;
- the opening in 2001 of a national trade apprenticeship centre for the mobile disabled. The centre currently has 63 apprentices, of whom 27 are women.
- support for the emergence of associations for the advancement of disabled women: the number of disabled women's associations in Burkina Faso has progressed from just three in 1998 to about 30 at the present time.

173. **Disabled women's associations** have worked to promote IEC activities through awareness-raising, education/training of their members, lobbying and enhancing the social and economic integration of their members.

174. Awareness-raising activities have been mainly in the media, through television (2) and radio (30) programmes, distribution of awareness-raising aids to the population, etc.

175. Training activities have covered women's rights, HIV/AIDS and, especially, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, now being drafted. More than 200 persons have received training in these areas. Lobbying for the adoption of laws and regulations on the access of disabled people to employment was also undertaken in 2006.

176. Despite the work done by the Government and civil society, it is evident that the needs of **disabled persons in general and disabled women in particular are still not sufficiently being met in national and sectoral policies and programmes, and the social and economic integration of disabled women remains a challenge. Illiteracy and poverty are among the many constraints on the provision of support to disabled women.**

Recommendations from IDA :

- To collect adequate data on women and girls with disabilities and use disaggregated data and results of studies to develop policies and programmes to promote equal opportunities for them in society.
- To adopt measures to ensure that women with disabilities are consulted and participate in developing national and sectoral policies and programmes.
- To adopt measures to ensure that women with disabilities are better represented in decision-making and leadership positions, including through the adoption of special measures such as quotas and targets.
- To adopt urgent measures to promote the attendance of girls with disabilities in schools and ensure accessibility of schools and curricula to their learning needs.
- To undertake specific measures to assist women with disabilities to enter into the labour market.