



**Asia Pacific Disability Forum (APDF)**  
**Bangkok Statement 2010**

We, participants of APDF General Assembly and Conference held from 17-18 October 2010 at the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD) in Bangkok, Thailand, at the eve of the meeting of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Committee on Social Development to be held from 19-21 October 2010, fully support the recommendations of the “ESCAP Expert Group Meeting -cum- Stakeholder Consultation to Review the Implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012: the BMF Framework for Action, 23-25 June 2010”, concerning a new Decade focusing on the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and disability inclusive development and its various specific recommendations. We, members of APDF and meeting participants, pledge our utmost support for the promotion of the new Decade.

We wish to emphasize the following for consideration by members of the ESCAP Committee on Social Development, which are critical to effective implementation and monitoring should the new decade be declared:

1. The theme for the new decade be: “Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022: Towards full realization of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and comprehensive disability inclusive development”.
2. The Regional Policy Strategy for the new Decade should be implemented by appropriate regional and sub-regional mechanisms of ESCAP, as well as in close partnership with existing and new (if any) sub-regional platforms.
3. The Regional Policy Strategy for the new Decade should be supported by adequate funding resources and professional expertise through new initiatives, funding or otherwise, from ESCAP members, particularly those developed and expanding economies.
4. ESCAP should reinforce the working partnership with all relevant UN specialized systems to develop coordinated and synchronized programs, including those involved mainly with mainstream domains.
5. ESCAP should further strengthen its partnership with Disabled People’s Organizations, NGOs and International NGOs in promoting the new decade.
6. ESCAP should strengthen and develop partnerships with civil societies and development agencies, ODA organizations, and business communities.
7. ESCAP and ESCAP members should support the full participation of all persons with disabilities and their representative organizations in the implementation of the new Decade.

APDF (Asia Pacific Disability Forum) is the network among disability-concerned organizations for promoting the UNESCAP Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012. It was launched in 2003 as the expanded network of RNN (the previous network during the 1<sup>st</sup> Asian and Pacific Decade).

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