

13th Annual Meeting of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics:

Objectives and Agenda

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Summary of annual meetings

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| 1 st | Washington, DC | February 2002 |
| 2 nd | Ottawa, Canada | January 2003 |
| 3 rd | Brussels, Belgium | February 2004 |
| 4 th | Bangkok, Thailand | September 2004 |
| 5 th | Rio de Janeiro, Brazil | September 2005 |
| 6 th | Kampala, Uganda | October 2006 |
| 7 th | Dublin, Ireland | September 2007 |
| 8 th | Manila, Philippines | October 2008 |
| 9 th | Dar es Salaam, Tanzania | October 2009 |
| 10 th | Luxembourg | November 2010 |
| 11 th | Southampton, Bermuda | November 2011 |
| 12 th | Bangkok, Thailand | October 2012 |

Milestones:

1. Agreement to develop short and long sets of internationally comparable disability measures using the ICF as a framework; census questions a priority
 2. Equalization of opportunities selected as purpose of short measure
 3. Developed a comparable testing methodology
 4. Tested and revised questions
 5. Short set adopted.
 6. Extended question set on functioning (ES-F) finalized
 7. Module on Child Functioning and Disability developed with UNICEF – testing underway
 8. Extended set on the environment (ES-E) for children and adults currently under development.
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From Bangkok to Amman:

12th Annual Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand: Oct, 2012

- The meeting was attended by 40 persons:
 - 20 representing national statistical authorities from 18 countries
 - 7 from universities, national institutes of public health, other national research bodies or government ministries
 - 3 from the National Center for Health Statistics (WG Secretariat)
 - 3 from Disabled Person's Organizations
 - 7 from international organizations (UNESCAP, WHO, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights)
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Main Objectives:

12th meeting in Bangkok

- Present results of country reports using WG short set questions in surveys / censuses
 - Present additional work on extended set (functioning):
 - ✓ Results from further analyses of data from the US National Health Interview Survey
 - Present additional work on the development of questions on child functioning and disability
 - ✓ Presentation of proposed question set
 - Present work on extended sets of questions on environmental factors and participation
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Major accomplishments in Bangkok and beyond

- Development of a Module on Child Functioning and Disability (with UNICEF)
 - Module finalized for cognitive testing
 - Mumbai, India: September, 2012
 - USA: winter 2012/2013
 - Belmopan, Belize: January, 2013
 - Muscat, Oman: April, 2013
 - Podgorica, Montenegro: July, 2013
 - Protocol for field testing under development
 - Module on facilitators and barriers to school participation is currently under development.
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Major accomplishments in Bangkok and beyond

- Training & cognitive testing of the short set of questions carried out in preparation for national censuses in:
 - Amman, Jordan (May, 2013) and
 - Bogotá, Colombia (August, 2013).
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Collaborations:

The WG has a long history of collaboration with other international organizations:

- UNICEF
- UNESCAP
- World Bank
- World Health Organization
- UN Dept. of Social & Economic Affairs

as well as many Non-Governmental and Disabled Person's Organizations and National Statistical Offices

Reports of WG activities:

- Disability Information from Censuses, prepared for DPOs
 - Development of an Internationally Comparable Disability Measure for Censuses, prepared for NSOs
 - Monitoring the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability
 - Understanding and Interpreting Disability as Measured using the WG Short Set of Questions
 - The Measurement of Disability: Recommendations for the 2010 Round of Censuses
 - Development of Extended Sets of Disability Measures for Surveys
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Publications – 2012/2013

- Up-date of WG activities submitted to the World Health Organization - Family of International Classifications (WHO-FIC) Newsletter.
 - Disability Statistics: and integral but missing (and misunderstood) component of development work in Nordic Journal of Human Rights
 - Methods to Improve International Comparability of Census and Survey Measures of Disability in Disability & Rehabilitation
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Publications – 2012/2013

- Measuring Disability and Monitoring the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: the work of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics in BMC Public Health
 - A White Paper on Disability Measurement in Journal for Disability and International Development
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Presentations – 2012/2013

XXVII IUSSP International Population Conference, 26-31 August, 2013. Busan, Korea.

- Washington Group on Disability Statistics: Development of a survey questionnaire module on child functioning and disability.
- Development of an Internationally Comparable Disability Measure for Censuses: Challenges and Opportunities.

Quest Workshop, 9-11 April, 2013. Washington, DC.

- The WG/UNICEF module on child functioning and disability: from Constructs to Questions in Mumbai.
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Presentations – 2012/2013

Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Concepts and Indicators for Inclusion. December 6-7, 2012, Paris, France.

- Measuring Disability and Monitoring the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: the work of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics.

Disability and Development: Rights, Politics and Practice, 11-12 Oct, 2012. Oslo, Norway.

- Disability Statistics: an integral but missing (and misunderstood) component of development work.
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WHO/WB World Report on Disability

- World Report on Disability (WHO/WB)
 - International launch, New York, June, 2011
 - WR recommendations with respect to the WG:
 - It is important that the **routine collection of disability data become incorporated into national statistics programs.**
 - The questions developed by the **WG and BI provide a core set** that can be expanded to meet country needs.
 - NSOs are encouraged to **actively participate in the WG** as a means of improving data quality, comparability, and availability.
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WHO/WB Model Disability Survey

- Model Disability Survey (MDS) proposed by WHO/WB in December 2012
 - Meetings held in Geneva: December 2012 and April 2013
 - Development of survey questions
 - Cognitive testing of question *design*
 - USA September, 2013
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Main Objectives for 13th meeting

Review and approve analyses of results of country data collection using the WG Short Question Set (WG SS):

- presentation of further analysis of country reports of data obtained from surveys and Censuses

Review and approve guidelines for analyzing data derived from the WG Extended Question Set on Functioning (WS ES-F):

- presentation of analyses of data from the US National Health Interview Survey (NHIS)

Finalize and adopt the WG/UNICEF Module on Child Functioning and Disability:

- present results of cognitive tests and proposed revisions based on the tests
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Session 1: Opening Session

- Opening Remarks
 - Review of developments since the 12th meeting; review of objectives / agenda for the 13th meeting.
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Session 2: WG Short Set

- This session will include presentations related to country experiences and results using the WG Short Set questions.
 - Presentations of additional country experiences
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Session 3: WG Extended Set on Functioning

Session 3 focuses on additional analytic work carried out on the Extended set of questions on Functioning (ES-F).

- Review of the development the ES-F
 - Presentation of results from analyses of data from the US National Health Interview Survey (NHIS)
 - Discussion on strategies and plans for further analyses of data from the NHIS and possibilities for the expansion of cognitive and field testing of the ES-F to other regions
 - Discussion and approval of guidelines for analyzing data obtained from the WG ES-F
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Session 4: Methodological issues

– Child Disability

- Review and presentation of additional work on the Module on Child Functioning and Disability since the last meeting
 - Presentation of cognitive test results and the finalization of the Module on Child Functioning and Disability
 - Cognitive testing of the WG module on child functioning and disability in Oman
 - Plans for field testing and preliminary results from analysis of field test data
 - Review of work on measuring facilitators and barriers to school participation
 - The way forward and Next steps
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Session 5: Country Reports

Country reports

- Summary of Country Reports
 - Country experiences
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Session 6: Next steps and Objectives for the 14th meeting

- Discussion on the development of mental health measures
 - Updates on any WG governance issues
 - Updates on other WG and collaborative activities
 - Potential funding opportunities
 - Summarizing the accomplishments of the 13th meeting
 - Outlining next steps
 - Announcing the dates and location of the 14th meeting and determining objectives for this meeting
 - Soliciting volunteers to host the 15th WG meeting
 - Closing remarks.
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