

# 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics:

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## Objectives and Agenda

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# Summary of annual meetings

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- 1<sup>st</sup> meeting - Washington, DC, Feb 2002
- 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting - Ottawa, Canada, Jan 2003
- 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting - Brussels, Belgium, Feb 2004
- 4<sup>th</sup> meeting - Bangkok, Thailand, Sept 2004
- 5<sup>th</sup> meeting - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sept 2005
- 6<sup>th</sup> meeting - Kampala, Uganda- Oct, 2006
- 7<sup>th</sup> meeting - Dublin, Ireland - Sept 2007
- 8<sup>th</sup> meeting - Manila, Philippines – October '08
- 9<sup>th</sup> meeting - Dar es Salaam, Tanzania – Oct '09
- 10<sup>th</sup> meeting - Luxembourg – November 2010

# Milestones:

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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 sets on functioning, environmental factors, and child disability currently in various stages of development.

# From Luxembourg to Southampton:

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- 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting - **Joint WG/BI Meeting** (Eurostat/Luxembourg - November, 2010):
- The meeting was attended by 55 persons:
  - 36 representing national statistical authorities from 29 countries
  - 13 representatives from national institutes of public health or other national research bodies or ministries
  - 6 representatives from international organizations (Eurostat-2, UNECE, UNESCAP and WHO-FIC Collaborating Centres-2)

# Major accomplishments in Luxembourg and beyond

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- Significant progress made on the development of a final set of extended questions on additional domains of functioning.
- The proposed question set presented to Eurostat for inclusion in the European Health Interview Survey (EHIS).
- Training & cognitive testing of the extended set of questions in Oman (3-7 October, 2011).
- Further regional training:
  - Damascus, Syria (30/11 – 3/12, 2011)
  - Sharjah, UAE (14-18 May, 2011)

# Major accomplishments in Luxembourg and beyond

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- Meeting of Granada Group (9-11 March, 2011) and consensus on producing Best Practices in Question Evaluation Methodology document
- Two workgroups have been established and workgroup chairs have been assigned
  - Child disability
  - Environmental factors.

# Major accomplishments since Luxembourg (collaborations)

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- UNESCAP: continues, with discussion of implementation projects
- World Bank: the WG continues to seek the support of the World Bank in continuing the development of disability measures
- UN Dept. of Social & Economic Affairs: collaboration with UN DESA on using the WG questions for the purpose of monitoring the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability
- New contacts in the Middle-East:
  - Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics

# Major accomplishments since Luxembourg (WG Reports)

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- Reports completed:
  - 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
- Draft report prepared:
  - **Development of Extended Sets of Disability Measures for Surveys**

# Major accomplishments since Luxembourg (WG Publications)

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Two submissions to the World Health Organization  
- Family of International Classifications (WHO-FIC) Newsletter, providing updates on WG/BI activities.

MADANS JH, LOEB ME, ALTMAN BA. Measuring Disability and Monitoring the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: the work of the Washington Group on Disability Statistics. BMC Public Health 2011, **11**(Suppl 4):S4

# Major accomplishments since Luxembourg (Reports)

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- World Report on Disability (WHO/WB)
  - International launch, New York, June, 2011
  - USA launch, September, 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.

# Main Objectives for 11<sup>th</sup> meeting

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- 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 cognitive testing
  - ✓ Update on any revisions to extended set questions, and present the final extended set of disability questions
  - ✓ Present results from the 2010 US National Health Interview Survey
- Present status reports from the workgroups on measurement of child disability and environmental factors

# WG-11: Session 1 Overview

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- Opening Ceremony
- Review of developments since the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting; review of objectives / agenda for the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

# WG-11: Session 2 Overview

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- This session will include presentations related to country experiences and results using the WG Short measure questions.
- Also included in this section will be a general discussion of issues of ensuring comparable translation of the WG questions.
- Presentations by Israel and Argentina

# WG-11: Session 3 Overview

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- This session will focus on the presentation of additional work on the WG Extended set of questions for surveys, specifically, questions on the environment and questions on child disability.

# WG-11: Session 4-6 Overview

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4. Methodological issues concerning surveys
  - Designing questions for the measurement of environmental barriers and facilitators
5. Methodological issues concerning surveys
  - Measuring disability and functioning among children and youth
6. Country reports
  - Summary of Country Reports
  - Country experiences

# WG-11: Session 7 Overview

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7. Discussion of next steps and objectives for the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting
  - Update on launch of the World Report on Disability
  - Presentation and discussion of Extended Set questions related to Participation

# WG-11: Session 7 Overview

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7. Discussion of next steps and objectives for the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting (con't)
    - Discussion providing updates on WG governance issues
    - Updates on other WG and collaborative activities
    - Potential funding opportunities
    - Summarizing the accomplishments of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting
    - Outlining next steps
    - Announcing the dates and location of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and determining objectives for this meeting
    - Soliciting volunteers to host the 13<sup>th</sup> WG meeting
    - Closing remarks.
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