

# Disability: A global perspective on rights to education and livelihoods

17-18 October 2005 • Bangkok, Thailand

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This inaugural meeting will support the United Nation's efforts to realise the goal of the 'Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Disabled People', and brings together academics and practitioners from around the world.

The presentations and seminars focus on 'Education for All' and 'Economic Empowerment'. Providing an active forum for debate and the sharing experience of policies, barriers and practices in inclusive education and economic empowerment.

## Speakers include:

- **Judy Heumann**, Head of the World Bank Disability Group
- **Peter Coleridge**, leading expert on disability and economic empowerment
- **Jane Omogi**, Disability Adviser for Eastern Africa at UNESCO

Others include senior government officials and activists from India and South Africa, directors of

disabled people's organisations in the Philippines and the US, and entrepreneurs from the Philippines, China and international corporations.

Participants at the conference will include government members, NGOs, academics, practitioners and entrepreneurs from around the world.

The conference launches a series of global annual meetings on disability.

## Conference outline:

### Monday 17 October

- Opening and keynote speakers
- Panel on Education: mainstreaming policy and practice
- Workshops on education

### Tuesday 18 October

- Panel on Economic Empowerment
- Workshops on economic empowerment
- Panel on Action for Disability: Looking Forward
- Key recommendations from the conference

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