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Government Report to the
Second Session of the Working Group on the
Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022
New Delhi, 2-3 March 2015

At the First Session of the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities held at Incheon, Republic of Korea, on 25 and 26 February 2014, it was recommended that the ESCAP secretariat should draft a standard format, aligned with the road map, for every Working Group member to use in preparing a structured and concise report on Incheon Strategy implementation and other actions in follow-up to Working Group session, for transmission to the ESCAP secretariat at least 80 days before the next session (see recommendation (b) (ii)). It was also agreed that those reports should be uploaded at least 60 days prior to the session (see recommendation (b) (iii)).

This report template should be completed and returned in electronic form, i.e., MS-Word, by 10 December 2014 to:

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1. Does your Government have a national focal point entity to coordinate implementation of the Incheon Strategy?

☒ Yes ☐ No

- 1.1. If yes, please complete the following table.

Focal point entity (Ministry/Department/ Division):	Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development
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1.2. If there is no focal point entity for coordinating Incheon Strategy implementation, when will it be designated?

☐ Approximately, ☐ Don't know

2. Has the Incheon Strategy been translated in your national language?

☐ Yes ☒ No

2.1. If yes, please complete the following table.

Name of national language:	
Date of completion of translation work :	
Agency responsible for translation :	
Is there a printed publication of the Incheon Strategy in your national language?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, specify the date of publication:

2.2. If not, do you have any plan to translate the Incheon Strategy into your national language in the near future?

☒ Yes (When? Feb - June 2015) ☐ No ☐ Don't know

3. Has your country taken any steps to convert the text of the Incheon Strategy into accessible formats?

☐ Yes ☒ No

3.1. If yes, please specify how the Incheon Strategy is accessible.

☐ CD
 ☐ Audio format
 ☐ Sign language
 ☐ Braille

☐ Other(s), specify: _____

4. Has your country disseminated the Incheon Strategy in the public domain?

☐ Yes
 ☒ No

4.1. If yes, please provide the link: _____

5. Are Government officials across ministries aware of the Incheon Strategy?

☐ Yes
 ☒ No

5.1. If yes, indicate how they became aware of the Incheon Strategy :

- ☐ Hard copies of the Incheon Strategy were distributed
- ☐ Electronic copies of the Incheon Strategy were circulated
- ☐ Through the national coordination mechanism
- ☐ Through briefing/seminar/training
- ☐ Other(s), please specify below (in less than 50 words):

5.2. Which ministries are aware of the Incheon Strategy?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prime Minister's Office | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry of Planning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ministry of Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry of Labour |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ministry of Social Affairs/Social Development/Social Justice | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry of Education | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry of Transport | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ministry of Gender Equality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry of Health | <input type="checkbox"/> National Statistical Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any others, please specify: _____ | |

5.3. If other ministries are not aware of the Incheon Strategy, what is your plan to enhance their awareness ?

Describe briefly your plan (in less than 50 words):

Government has recently acquired the relevant financial assistance that will allow it to raise awareness on the Incheon Strategy, and address sections 2, 3 and 4, 6, 7 and 8 within the next 6 months. Government will achieve this through extensive media

campaigning, and by using existing programs for information dissemination

☐ Don't know

6. Have your head of Government and/or head of state demonstrated commitment to implementing the Incheon Strategy?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't know

6.1. If yes, in what way(s), has it been demonstrated? (in less than 50 words).

Samoa Disability Program 2014-2017

The Australian government has committed a package of support of \$9.6m over four years (1 July 2013 to 30 June 2017) for a new Samoa Disability Program. This investment will enable the Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development and partner agencies to implement disability-focused programs and initiatives particularly:

- i. Facilitating preparations for Samoa to become party to the Convention on the Rights of persons with Disabilities (CRPD)
- ii. Establishing a National Hearing Service consistent with National Health Service Plans
- iii. Establishing an integrated mobility service for Samoa

The Program is designed to "Increased capacity in disability-inclusive policy and implementation across Government, DPO and service provider organisations." The Program is also consistent with Pacific regional commitments on disability, particularly the Pacific Regional Strategy on Disability (PRSD) and the Incheon Strategy as well as the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities.

With funding under this program, the national DPO, Nuanua o le Alofa, has been able to carry out national training programs on the CRPD.

6.2. What is the focus area of your Government's commitment to the Incheon Strategy?

☒ All areas covered by the 10 Goals of the Incheon Strategy

☐ If your Government's commitment focuses on some specific areas, please specify the area(s), e.g., Goal 1 on poverty reduction:

7. Has your Government organized a national event to launch the Incheon Strategy?

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Don't know

7.1. If yes, please complete the following table.

Name of the event including place and dates:	
Date(s) the event was organized:	
Place the event was organized:	
Highest level attendance:	
Number of participants:	

7.2. If no, is there a plan to organize such a national event?

☒ Yes (When? Between Feb - June 2015)

☐ No

☐ Don't know

8. Has your Government launched the national "Make the Right Real" campaign to promote ratification and/or implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities?

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Don't know

8.1. If yes, please complete the following table.

Name of the campaign including venue and dates:	
Date(s) the campaign was organized:	
Place where the campaign was organized:	
Highest level attendance:	
Number of participants:	
Summarize post-campaign follow-up actions:	

8.2. If no, please explain why:

☐ CRPD was ratified without a campaign

- ☒ A campaign will be launched later.
Please specify the dates, if known: Between Feb – June 2015
- ☒ If there were other reasons, please specify below (in less than 50 words).

Signing of CRPD was promoted as part of commemoration of International Disability Day on 3 December 2014. (Samoa signed CRPD on 24 September 2014)

9. The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the global framework for realizing gender equality and the empowerment of women, was adopted in 1995 by the Fourth World Conference on Women. To mark the twentieth anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in 2015, a 20-year review of progress in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action is under way globally; in Asia-Pacific, the review was completed during 17 to 20 November 2014.

- 9.1. Did the national mechanism for the advancement of women include women and girls with disabilities in the 20-year review process?

☒ Yes ☐ No

- 9.2. If yes, please identify the critical areas of concern where issues of girls and women with disabilities were included:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty | <input type="checkbox"/> Education and Training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Violence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Armed Conflict | <input type="checkbox"/> The Economy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Power and Decision-Making | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human Rights of Women |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional Mechanism for the Advancement of Women | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Media | <input type="checkbox"/> The Environment |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Girl Child | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other(s), please specify below (in less than 50 words). | |

Data and statistics

10. The Asia-Pacific region has 10 Champions of Disability Rights and 7 Promoters for the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, who were honoured at the the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2002-2012, held in Incheon, Republic of Korea from 29 October to 2 November 2012.

10.1. Does your country have such a Champion/Promoter?

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Don't know

10.1.1. If yes, what is the name of the Champion/Promoter? _____

10.1.2. Has your Government included her/him in activities to promote the Decade?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't know

10.1.3. If yes, please describe briefly the activity (in less than 50 words).

10.1.4. If no, please explain why (in less than 50 words).

10.2. Has your Government engaged any other Champions/Promoters in activities to promote the Decade?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't know

10.2.1. If yes, please describe briefly the activity (in less than 50 words).

Faatino Utumapu – Office Manager of Nuanua o le Alofa, national DPO:

- Nominated as candidate for the Regional Pasifika Disability Rights Awards 2015, organised by the Pacific Disability Forum
- Nominated to participate as part of the Samoan delegation to the Fifty-Ninth Session of the Commission on the Status of Women / Review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action – funded under the Samoa Disability Program (refer to 6.1)

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