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Rehabilitation International (RI), Strategic Plan 2009-2013 (Veijo Notkola, chair of policy and services commission)

- Since 1922, Rehabilitation International (RI) has shown that **this organization is a forum of and for all stakeholders in rehabilitation and is a frontrunner within this field.** This Strategic Plan builds on this important history to ensure that RI continues to play a leadership role in promoting the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities worldwide.
- RI has identified 6 strategic action areas for the period 2009-2013. This strategic plan will assist RI to focus its activities and effectively mobilise resources within the Regions and across the Commissions. Further this plan will assist with identifying funding sources, projects and potential project partners

”Organization of RI Global”

- Rehabilitation International
- RI Foundation (Fundraising)
- RI Regions (RI-Europe, Nordic)
- Commissions (6)
- Policy & Services, Employment ,
International Commission of Technology
and Accessibility, Social Commission,
Health & Function Commission, Education
Commission, Commission on Leisure,
Recreation and Physical Activities

FOCUS 1: Habilitation and rehabilitation

- RI continues its strong focus on habilitation and rehabilitation both globally and nationally. Everyone should have the right to a holistic rehabilitation program, when needed. **Holistic rehabilitation means that we need to put the human being in focus and take into consideration both physical, psychological and social needs to promote good quality habilitation and rehabilitation.** Furthermore, it is essential to have a strong focus on both education and employment. This will be achieved through expert advice, advocacy, conferences and seminars.

FOCUS 1: Habilitation and rehabilitation

- **Objective 1:** To work closely with WHO and other UN agencies, as well as with national stakeholders within the rehabilitation, education and employment fields, to promote holistic rehabilitation.
- **Objective 2:** To promote different ministries and national agencies to work closely together (ex. the ministries of health, work, transportation, education, etc.).
- **Action Items (Some), based on work of commissions and secretary**
- Participate in the WHO World Report on Disability and Rehabilitation and its dissemination
- Review the ICF and its application in the field of habilitation and rehabilitation, in collaboration with the WHO
- Provide input in the development of WHO CBR Guidelines based on the joint position paper by WHO, ILO and UNESCO

FOCUS 2: Implementation of the UN Convention at the national, regional and international levels

- Building on the long history of RI in advancing the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities through the adoption of forward-thinking charters, **RI's new *Charter for Rights Implementation*** urges all governments and other key stakeholders to effectively implement the Convention.
- RI will continue to raise awareness of the CRPD (Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities) through information resources (publications, website, fact sheets, etc.) and capacity-building programs and seminars

FOCUS 2: Implementation of the UN Convention at the national, regional and international levels

- **Objective 1:** To raise awareness of disability rights and the human rights-based approach to disability through information materials in accessible formats and capacity building programs
- **Objective 2:** To promote signature, ratification and implementation of the Convention in all countries, particularly where RI members are present, through advocacy, expert advice and capacity building initiatives
- **Objective 3:** To improve accessibility to information, transport and the built environment, through partnerships, expert advice and collaboration
- **Action Items (some)**
- Develop a Charter on Rights Implementation of the UNCPRD which sets out RI expectations of Governments

FOCUS 3: Reduce the Link between Poverty and Disability

- This particular goal concentrates on the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals for people with disabilities through implementation of the UN Convention, among other initiatives.
- **Objective** : To raise awareness and address the link between poverty and disability through advocacy, training and partnerships
- **Action Items (some)**
- Provide RI members with information and training on the Millennium Development Goals and the need to ensure that disability is featured in National Action Plans
- Develop at least 2 partnership/project opportunities with the Global Partnership on Disability and Development (GPDD), World Bank, UN agencies and others

FOCUS 4: Disaster management and armed conflict

- Disasters and armed conflicts are the cause of thousands of disabling injuries and have a significant impact on persons with disabilities—it is of great importance that RI takes a leadership within this field in the coming years.
- *Objective 1: To develop global standards on inclusion (rehabilitation) of people with disabilities in disaster management.*
- *Objective 2: To raise awareness of the link between armed conflict, disasters and disability through advocacy, media awareness, training and partnerships*
- **Action Items** (some)
- *Create a list of experts who can assist at times of disaster, in particular on accessible reconstruction. This list could be publicised with key aid agencies and through the UN*
- *Undertake a media campaign with partners to identify the impact of war and conflict on the civilian population, especially women and children*

Focus 5: Stronger RI network, including Commissions, at national, regional and international levels.

- **Objective 1:** Develop an effective and accessible communication and information system
- **Objective 2:** Sustain and grow RI membership through more focused outreach and stronger marketing of the value and benefits of RI
- **Objective 3:** Strengthen partnerships with others working in disability and related fields
- **Action Items (some)**
- Undertake a membership survey to identify what the members are seeking from RI and how they believe they can effectively contribute
- Develop an information and communication strategy which has time-framed action points

Focus 6: Improved Structure and Financial Situation

- **Objective 1:** Strengthen the financial stability with a diversified and wider funding base
- **Objective 2:** Review the management structure for greater efficiencies and the best use of skills and resources

Strategic Plan 2009-2013, main topics

- Habilitation and rehabilitation
- Implementation of the UN Convention at the national, regional and international levels
- Reduce the link between poverty and disability
- Disaster management and armed conflict
- Stronger RI network, including Commissions, at national, regional and international levels
- Improved Structure and Financial Situation