



Rights of persons with disabilities and climate action – Repository of tools

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Foreword

The European Disability Forum (EDF)

The European Disability Forum is an independent Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) that represents the interests of 100 million Europeans with disabilities. EDF is a unique platform which brings together representative organisation of persons with disabilities from across Europe. EDF is run by persons with disabilities and their families. We are a strong, united voice of persons with disabilities in Europe.

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Executive Summary

The "Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Climate Action – Repository of Tools," developed by the European Disability Forum, is a comprehensive collection of resources aimed at ensuring that the rights and perspectives of persons with disabilities are integrated into climate action initiatives.

This repository serves as a vital resource for policymakers, OPDs, NGOs, advocacy groups, and other stakeholders, offering practical tools, guidelines, and case studies that promote climate strategies inclusive of the rights of persons with disabilities.

Recognizing the profound impacts of climate change on the rights of persons with disabilities, this repository highlights the need for inclusive engagement in climate action processes. It provides actionable resources to ensure that the rights, requirements and voices of persons with disabilities are not only acknowledged but prioritized in the development and implementation of climate policies. By equipping stakeholders with the necessary tools and knowledge, the repository aims to facilitate meaningful participation and representation of persons with disabilities in their diversity in climate initiatives.

In addition to guidelines, the repository provides overview of inspiring case studies that illustrate successful examples of inclusive climate actions from various contexts. These case studies not only serve to inspire but also provide replicable models.

By bridging the gap between climate action and disability rights, the repository fosters a holistic approach to climate resilience that considers the unique challenges faced by persons with disabilities.

In conclusion, the "Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Climate Action – Repository of Tools" is an essential resource for advancing inclusive climate strategies. It empowers stakeholders to advocate for and implement policies that respect and promote the rights of persons with disabilities, ensuring that no one is left behind in the transition to a sustainable and resilient future. By embedding disability inclusion at the heart of climate action, the repository aims to contribute to a just transition that embraces the rights and voices of all individuals, particularly those who are often excluded in climate discourse.

Quick guide - finding the most relevant tool for you

Useful Tools to Understand Climate Change Impacts, Policy and Human Rights

In case you need to...	Name of the tool	Type and format of tool	Page number
Use visual aids to convey inclusion goals	Infographic: 3 Steps Toward Disability-Inclusive Climate Action	Infographic, visual aid	Page 10
Understand the impacts of climate change and learn actionable steps presented in an easy-to-understand format.	People with Disabilities: Taking Action on Climate Change	Publication, advocacy tool	Page 12
Understand the disproportionate impacts of climate change	Climate change, disabled people and climate action in Scotland	Report, advocacy recommendations	Page 14
Learn about the human rights implications for persons with disabilities	The impacts of climate change on the human rights of people in vulnerable situations	Report, human rights analysis	Page 16
Explore the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities in the context of climate change	Analytical study on the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities in the context of climate change, also Easy to read version	Report, human rights analysis (also available easy-to-read format)	Page 19
Understand relevant international frameworks for disability inclusion in climate policies	The Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the context of the UN Framework Convention on	Overview and compilation of decisions, policy guidance	Page 21

In case you need to...	Name of the tool	Type and format of tool	Page number
	Climate Change. Relevant International Frameworks and Compilation of Decisions Adopted by the Parties to the UNFCCC		
Identify challenges faced by specific groups, like women with disabilities	Women with Disabilities and Climate Change	Publication, advocacy and solutions	Page 23
Engage with government on NDCs	Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) Engagement Made Simple. A handbook for policy and advocacy experts working on national climate plans	Handbook	Page 25

Useful Tools to Create Messaging and Advocate

In case you need to...	Name of the tool	Type and format of tool	Page number
Advocate for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in climate governance	A Disability Rights Approach to Climate Governance	Scientific article with evidence-based insights	Page 27
Engage vulnerable communities in climate actions	Just Transition Platform Working Groups Action 7: Guidelines to engage with people living in vulnerable situations	Guidelines for inclusive engagement in climate-related initiatives	Page 29
Draft advocacy messages for inclusive climate action	Disability Inclusive Climate Action COP26 Advocacy Paper	Advocacy paper, recommendations	Page 31

Communicate disability inclusion strategies to climate organizations	Climate action: eight ways to include people with disabilities	News article, toolkit	Page 32
Promote disability-inclusive climate governance	Promoting Disability-Inclusive Climate Change Action	Publication, advocacy tool	Page 34

Useful Tools to Inclusive Climate Finance

In case you need to...	Name of the tool	Type and format of tool	Page number
Learn about operational framework for disability inclusion in climate investments and sector specific considerations on disability inclusion	Disability Inclusion in Climate Finance: A background paper for the disability inclusion approach for climate investment funds	Background paper, framework	Page 36

Useful Tools to Training and Capacity Building

In case you need to...	Name of the tool	Type and format of tool	Page number
Gain practical tools for implementing disability inclusion in urban planning	Inclusive Community Engagement: Executive Guide	Executive guide, policy recommendations	Page 38
Learn practical tools and strategies to include and involve persons with disabilities in urban planning	Factsheet: Making the case for disability inclusion in climate action,	Factsheet, practical guidance and links to more sector specific policy papers and guidelines	Page 41
Learn actionable strategies for stakeholder (government, NGO-focused) involvement in climate action	Disability-Inclusive Approaches to Climate Action	Publication, practical guidance	Page 42
Learn strategies for promoting inclusive work	Making the green transition	Guidance document,	Page 44

and skill development of persons with disabilities	inclusive for persons with disabilities	actionable recommendations	
Ensure accessible and inclusive climate protests and meetings	Protest for All: A guide for climate change groups to help them understand how to make their protests and meetings better for disabled people	Guide, practical steps	Page 46

Acronyms

Acronym	Signification
COP	Conference of the State Parties
EDF	European Disability Forum
JTF	Just Transition Fund
NDC	Nationally Determined Contributions
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
OPD	Organisation of Persons with Disabilities
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Glossary

Term	Definition
Bi- and multilateral organisations	These are entities that operate within both bilateral and multilateral frameworks, allowing them to engage in direct (bilateral) partnerships with individual countries as well as collaborative (multilateral) efforts involving multiple countries/territories.

Key resources on disability-inclusive climate action: Understanding Climate Change Impacts, Policy, Human Rights

Infographic: 3 Steps Toward Disability-Inclusive Climate Action. Making COP26 Disability-Inclusive

Author

GLAD Network

Date

2021

Purpose

The purpose of the *GLAD Network Accessible Infographic* was initially prepared to provide a clear and concise visual representation of the key goals for disability inclusion at the 26th Conference of the State Parties (COP26) to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). It highlights three major action areas: disability-inclusive action, disability-inclusive participation, and a focus on data and funding.

Target Audience

Primary target audience

- International development organizations.
- Humanitarian agencies.
- Government bodies involved in global development.

Secondary target audience

- NGOs, OPDs.

Practical Application

The poster can serve as a visual aid for advocacy groups to promote disability-inclusive data collection, funding, and participation and aims to raise awareness among stakeholders about the importance of disability inclusion in humanitarian and development sectors.

Advantages

- Presents disability inclusion priorities in a simple, easy-to-understand format.

- Infographic format makes it accessible and engaging for a wide audience.
- Designed to be relevant for a wide range of international development and humanitarian contexts.

Disadvantages

- As an infographic, it provides a broad overview but lacks in-depth guidance on implementation.

References

[Steps Toward Disability-Inclusive Climate Action. Making COP26 Disability-Inclusive, GLAD poster](#)

People with Disabilities: Taking Action on Climate Change

Author

Harvard Law School Project on Disability

Date

2024

Purpose

The publication *People with Disabilities Taking Action on Climate Change* by the Harvard Law School Project on Disability (HPOD) consists of two major parts:

- Explains what climate change and its impacts on persons with disabilities in a plain language;
- Provides strategies for adapting to climate impacts and advocating for disability-inclusive climate action.

It is designed to empower individuals and communities to take action on climate change. It is written in an accessible, easy-to-read format, and contains check lists, examples and references for climate action.

Target Audience

Primary target audience

- Self-advocates with intellectual disabilities and disability rights groups.

Secondary target audience

- Disability advocates, climate practitioners, Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) and NGOs for awareness raising and as a good example of easy to read, disability inclusive toolkit.

Practical Application

The publication provides simple tools and examples to help inform persons with intellectual disabilities about how climate change affects them and supports their advocacy for inclusive climate action.

Advantages

- Universal style (plain, simple language, accessible for persons with intellectual disabilities);
- Practical tools (checklists, easy-to-understand graphics, concrete examples of climate advocacy efforts).

Disadvantages

- While its accessibility enhances usability, some specialized audiences might find it lacks the technical or in-depth analysis.

References

[People with Disabilities Taking Action on Climate Change](#)

Climate change, disabled people and climate action in Scotland

Author

Inclusion Scotland

Date

2021

Purpose

The purpose of the report is to highlight the disproportionate impacts of climate change on persons with disabilities. The report advocates for inclusive climate strategies that consider the unique requirements of persons with disabilities and for active involvement of persons with disabilities in climate resilience and adaptation efforts in Scotland.

Target Audience

Primary target audience

- Policymakers and government officials involved in climate action and disability inclusion.
- Climate action organizations, advocacy groups, OPDs, NGOs.

Secondary target audience

- Researchers and academics studying climate change and disability inclusion.

Practical Application

While the report is primarily focused on Scotland, its findings and recommendations are relevant to other regions by highlighting universal principles of disability inclusion in climate action. The report offers guidance on integrating the requirements of persons with disabilities into climate action plans, helping policymakers, NGOs, OPDs, and advocacy groups create inclusive initiatives. The report supports advocating for accessible and equitable climate responses, and the strategies presented can serve as adaptable models for countries seeking to enhance the participation of persons with disabilities and their representative organizations in their own climate action efforts.

Advantages

- Features several compelling case studies that offer practical insights.

Disadvantages

- Primarily focused on Scotland, limiting wider geographic relevance.

References

[Climate change, disabled people and climate action in Scotland, Inclusion Scotland \(2021\)](#)

The impacts of climate change on the human rights of people in vulnerable situations

Author

United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Date

2022

Purpose

The report, submitted in response to Human Rights Council resolution 47/24, focuses on the impacts of climate change on the human rights of persons with disabilities. It assesses the obligations of States in protecting these rights and emphasizes the role of persons in vulnerable situations as active agents of change. Additionally, the report highlights examples of good practices and offers concrete recommendations to ensure disability-inclusive climate action.

Target Audience

Primary target audience

- Policymakers and government officials participating in the Human Rights Council.
- OPDs and organizations working on disability inclusion and climate advocacy.

Secondary target audience

- NGOs and civil society groups focused on human rights and environmental issues.
- Researchers and academics.
- International organizations and agencies involved in disability advocacy and climate initiatives

Practical Application

The report mentions stronger protection measures, amplify the voices of persons with disabilities as agents of change, and promote inclusive participation in climate action efforts.

Advantages

- Promotes Persons with Disabilities as Agents of Change, highlights the active role that persons with disabilities and their representative organizations can play in climate action.

Disadvantages

- Some sections might be difficult for non-expert readers to fully engage with, especially those new to human rights and climate policy.
- The comprehensive nature may deter readers looking for a concise resource.

References

[The impacts of climate change on the human rights of people in vulnerable situations, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights \(2022\)](#)

Analytical study on the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities in the context of climate change

Author

United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Date

2020

Purpose

Submitted pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 41/21, the report:

- examines the impacts of climate change on human rights of persons with disabilities,
- identifies human rights obligations and responsibilities of States and other actors,
- shares good practices.

Target Audience

Primary target audience

- Policymakers and government officials participating in the Human Rights Council.
- OPDs and organizations working on disability inclusion and climate advocacy.

Secondary target audience

- NGOs and civil society groups focused on human rights and environmental issues.
- Researchers and academics studying on the nexus of disability, climate change, and human rights.
- International organizations and agencies involved in disability advocacy and climate initiatives.

Practical Application

It offers a framework for governments and organizations to assess and develop disability inclusive climate policies, enhance the participation of persons with disabilities and their representative organizations in decision-making. Additionally, it provides specific good practices and recommendations.

Advantages

- Provides clear recommendations for governments and policymakers to create more equitable, inclusive climate policies.
- Features examples of good practices from national climate plans and legal frameworks in other countries, providing successful models that can be replicated or adapted.
- Includes an easy-to-read version, making it more accessible for a broader audience, including persons with intellectual disabilities.

Disadvantages

- Some sections may include technical terms or policy jargon that could be challenging for readers without a background in climate policy or disability advocacy.
- The comprehensive nature of the report may deter some readers who prefer concise materials or lack the time to engage with a lengthy document.

References

[Analytical study on the promotion and protection of the rights of persons with disabilities in the context of climate change](#)

[Climate change and the rights of people with disabilities](#) (Easy to read version)

The Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the context of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. Relevant International Frameworks and Compilation of Decisions Adopted by the Parties to the UNFCCC

Author

CCD, Inclusiva, & CIEL

Date

2019

Purpose

The document provides an overview of disability inclusion references in relevant UNFCCC decisions and documents. It serves as a resource for policy makers and advocacy groups, guiding the advocacy for inclusion of disability rights into climate policies and inclusive climate action practices.

Target Audience

Primary target audience

- Policymakers and government officials.
- Advocacy groups focused on the rights of persons with disabilities.
- Climate change organizations and OPDs seeking to integrate disability inclusion.

Secondary target audience

- Academic researchers studying the impacts of climate change on marginalized communities.
- International bodies and agencies involved in climate negotiations.

Practical Application

It guides policy makers in developing climate policies that consider the rights and needs of persons with disabilities. Advocacy groups can use the compilation of decisions to strengthen their campaigns for disability-inclusive climate action.

Advantages

- Provide an overview and gives an understanding of the rights of persons with disabilities within the UNFCCC legal framework, helping stakeholders align their actions with international law.
- Serves as a valuable tool for advocacy groups to strengthen their campaigns and arguments for disability-inclusive climate action.

Disadvantages

- Some sections may contain technical language or jargon that could be challenging for non-experts to understand.

References

[The Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the context of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, CIEL](#)

Women with Disabilities and Climate Change by Loreto Brossard

Author

Loreto Brossard, Inclusiva

Date

2024

Purpose

Publication explores the distinct challenges women with disabilities face because of climate change, highlighting how it affects their dignity and well-being. It explores mental health impacts, barriers to resources, and vulnerabilities, while proposing inclusive solutions and advocating for the active involvement of women with disabilities and their representative organizations in climate action and decision-making.

Target Audience

Primary target audience

- Climate policy makers and organizations;
- Civil society: NGOs, OPDs, disability advocacy organizations;

Secondary target audience

- Mental health professionals addressing climate-related impacts.
- Researchers and academics in gender, disability, and climate studies.

Practical Application

The publication is a valuable resource for policymakers and organizations aiming to include women with disabilities in climate action. It offers:

- practical insights into the unique challenges faced by women with disabilities;
- provides key points for developing inclusive climate policies;
- offers insights into mental health impacts to help professionals create targeted support services.

Advantages

- Provides valuable guidance on addressing the mental health impacts of climate change on women with disabilities.
- Provides clear, practical recommendations for policymakers and organizations to develop inclusive climate policies.

Disadvantages

- Some recommendations may lack specificity and depth for diverse local or regional contexts, making it difficult to apply universally.

References

[Women with Disabilities and Climate Change by Loreto Brossard, Inclusiva](#)

Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) Engagement Made Simple. A handbook for policy and advocacy experts working on national climate plans

Author

Shirley Matheson, Lydia Lehlogonolo Machaka, Bettina Duerr
CIDSE (Coopération internationale pour le développement et la solidarité)

Date

2024

Purpose

The handbook provides civil society organizations with tools to advocate for ambitious, transparent and inclusive climate actions within national climate plans. By offering guidance on policy development and engagement with governments, it helps ensure that the NDC process prioritizes all communities, leaving no one behind in the transition to sustainable development.

Target Audience

Primary target audience

- Civil society: NGOs, OPDs, disability advocacy organizations.

Secondary target audience

- Policymakers and climate change adaptation experts.

Practical Application

It offers step-by-step guidance for formulating policy positions, understanding technical aspects of NDCs, and engaging constructively with government representatives to advocate for equitable, inclusive, and ambitious climate commitments. This resource also supports organisations in crafting clear advocacy messages and ensuring that voices from marginalised groups are integrated into national climate strategies.

Advantages

- Includes clear guidance and key reference points, helping users to address priority issues in NDC discussions efficiently.

Disadvantages

- Assumes a foundational knowledge of policy work, which could be challenging for organizations newer to advocacy.

References

[S.Matheson, L.Lehlogonolo Machaka, B.Duerr, Nationally Determined Contribution \(NDC\) Engagement Made Simple. A handbook for policy and advocacy experts working on national climate plans, 2024.](#)

Key resources on disability-inclusive climate action: Advocacy and Messaging

A Disability Rights Approach to Climate Governance

Author

Sébastien Jodoin, Nilani Ananthamoorthy, Katherine Lof, Ecology Law Quaterly

Date

2020

Purpose

The scientific article advocates for recognizing persons with disabilities and their representative organizations as essential stakeholders in climate action. It argues for their inclusion in climate policies and decision-making processes to ensure equitable and inclusive climate action, providing practical recommendations to enhance their participation and promote their rights in the context of climate challenges.

Target Audience

Primary target audience

- Researchers and academics studying on the nexus of disability rights and climate change.
- Policymakers and government officials involved in climate governance and disability rights.

Secondary target audience

- OPDs, disability rights organizations and advocacy groups focused on climate action.
- NGOs and civil society organizations working on environmental issues and inclusion.
- International bodies and agencies addressing climate change and human rights.

Practical Application

The scientific publication offers evidence-based insights that might guide policymakers to address the rights and requirements of persons with disabilities in climate action plans. It empowers civil society and climate action groups with research-based evidence to engage in climate discussions.

Advantages

- Leverages in-depth research to strengthen the case for disability-inclusive climate action.
- Equips advocacy groups with the knowledge-based arguments to effectively engage in disability inclusive climate advocacy.

Disadvantages

- Some stakeholders may find the article complex or challenging to interpret and apply in practice.

References

[S. Jodoin, N. Ananthamoorthy, K. Lof, A Disability Rights Approach to Climate Governance, 2020](#)

Just Transition Platform Working Groups Action 7: Guidelines to engage with people living in vulnerable situations

Author

European Commission

Date

2023

Purpose

The purpose of the guidelines is to provide a framework for engaging vulnerable communities in the Just Transition Fund (JTF) initiatives. One of the key challenges identified in achieving a just transition is the inclusion and engagement of hard-to-reach groups, including persons with disabilities. These guidelines aim to address these challenges by offering practical strategies to ensure that diverse voices, particularly those from marginalized and excluded groups, are heard and considered in the planning and implementation of climate-related actions.

The guidelines call for removing barriers to participation, ensuring accessibility and implementing inclusive policies. Good practices, such as ŠENT in Slovenia, Il Bettolino in Italy, and La Fageda in Spain, demonstrate successful strategies for promoting the social and employment inclusion of persons with disabilities, which can serve as models for ensuring their inclusion in the Just Transition.

Target Audience

Primary target audience

- Policymakers and government officials/institutions involved in the implementation of the JTF on the national/regional levels.
- Local authorities and institutions responsible for engaging vulnerable communities in climate-related initiatives.

Secondary target audience

- NGOs focused on social inclusion and environmental justice.
- Community groups representing individuals in vulnerable situations.
- Researchers and academics in the sector of climate change.

Practical Application

The guidelines provide tools and methods for outreach and inclusion, ensuring that the requirements and perspectives of hard-to-reach groups

are prioritized in climate actions. Stakeholders can utilize these guidelines to design inclusive programs, promote meaningful participation, and foster more equitable outcomes in the transition to a sustainable economy.

Advantages

- Can be tailored to various contexts and sectors, providing flexibility for different stakeholders.
- Supports for meaningful participation, encourages stakeholders to engage excluded populations actively, enhancing the legitimacy of just transition efforts.

Disadvantages

- Applying the guidelines may require additional resources and training for stakeholders unfamiliar with inclusive practices.
- While they focus on hard-to-reach groups, the guidelines do not cover all aspects of diversity and inclusion.
- While centered on just transition, the guidelines do not address all relevant aspects of climate change adaptation.

References

[Just Transition Platform Working Groups Action 7: Guidelines to engage with people living in vulnerable situations, European Commission \(2023\)](#)

Disability Inclusive Climate Action COP26 Advocacy Paper. Towards COP26: Enhancing Disability Inclusion in Climate Action

Author

International Disability Alliance

Date

2021

Purpose

The publication addresses the exclusion of persons with disabilities and their representative organizations from climate governance and underscores the need for a disability-inclusive approach. It highlights the contributions of people with disabilities to climate action and offers key recommendations for governments, donors, the private sector, and civil society to ensure their meaningful inclusion in climate efforts.

Target Audience

Primary target audience

Governmental authorities, donors, private sector, NGOs, OPDs.

Practical Application

It provides practical guidance for integrating disability inclusion into climate mitigation and adaptation planning. It includes recommendations for accessible climate policies and advocacy for specific target groups.

Advantages

- Addresses both mitigation and adaptation planning, ensuring a holistic view of climate action.
- Useful for governments, NGOs, donors, and OPDs.
- Provides a well-rounded set of actionable steps that stakeholders can readily implement.

Disadvantages

- May not fully account for regional differences in climate action and disability inclusion.

References

[Disability Inclusive Climate Action COP26 Advocacy Paper](#)

Climate action: eight ways to include people with disabilities

Author

SPARK Inclusive Rural Transformation

Date

2023

Purpose

The purpose of the news article is to promote actionable strategies for integrating the perspectives and requirements of persons with disabilities into climate action initiatives ahead of COP28. By highlighting specific approaches, the article aims to foster a more equitable response to climate challenges that considers the rights and contributions of all community members.

Target Audience

Primary target audience

- Policymakers and government officials involved in climate action and disability inclusion.
- Climate advocacy organizations focused on inclusive practices.
- Community leaders and disability advocates working on environmental issues.

Secondary target audience

- Researchers and academics studying climate change and disability rights.

Practical Application

By highlighting eight specific ways to engage and include persons with disabilities, the resource serves as a toolkit for fostering greater accessibility in climate action efforts. This can assist stakeholders in ensuring that the voices of persons with disabilities and their representative organisations are represented and considered in decision-making processes.

Advantages

- Offers eight actionable strategies for including persons with disabilities into climate action.

Disadvantages

- Lacks detailed case studies or examples to illustrate the successful application of the strategies.
- As a news article, it may provide a superficial treatment of the topic without in-depth analysis or check resources.

References

[Climate action: eight ways to include people with disabilities, SPARK](#)

Promoting Disability-Inclusive Climate Change Action

Author

GLAD Network

Date

2021

Purpose

The publication highlights the call for disability inclusion in global climate action efforts. Initially prepared for COP26, it provides key recommendations for policymakers and stakeholders on including the rights and requirements of persons with disabilities into climate adaptation and policy development, emphasizing the disproportionate risks they face in climate change. To date, the presented advocacy messages remain valid.

Target Audience

Primary target audience

- Donors, bilateral agencies, international organizations.
- Civil society: NGOs, OPDs, disability advocacy organizations.
- Government bodies involved in global development.

Secondary target audience

- Research entities.

Practical Application

It emphasizes disability inclusiveness in the event organization. It also provides programmatic recommendations for civil society, donors, and bilateral organizations. As an advocacy tool, it supports advocating efforts for active involvement in climate discussions and promotes training and capacity-building initiatives necessary for effective implementation of inclusive climate action. Persons with disabilities and OPDs can get inspiration as to the advocacy messages that they want to push for.

Advantages

- Provides actionable recommendations for integrating disability-inclusive practices into climate strategies.
- Offers Stakeholder specific recommendations tailored for specific groups.

Disadvantages

- Offers generalized recommendations and do not address specific regional or local challenges in disability inclusion.

References

[Issue paper "Promoting Disability-Inclusive Climate Change Action" by GLAD Network](#)

Key resources on disability-inclusive climate action: Inclusive Climate Finance

Disability Inclusion in Climate Finance: A background paper for the disability inclusion approach for climate investment funds

Author

Climate Investment Funds

Date

2024

Purpose

The publication aims to provide a comprehensive framework for integrating disability considerations into climate finance initiatives. By presenting best practices, actionable recommendations, and case studies, the document seeks to empower climate finance stakeholders to adopt more inclusive approaches for persons with disabilities.

Target Audience

Primary target audience

- Governments, financial institutions, bi-multilateral organisations.
- Development agencies and international organizations.

Secondary target audience

- Civil society organizations.
- Private sector.
- Climate activists.

Practical Application

The document offers tools and recommendations for including disability into climate finance frameworks. It guides policy makers in designing inclusive financial systems and helps NGOs and OPDs to understand and more effectively advocate for accessible climate finance programmes. The private sector is also encouraged to adopt inclusive practices in climate investments.

Advantages

- Provides clear recommendations for policymakers and organizations on inclusive climate finance framework design.

- Supports advocacy for disability-inclusive climate actions.
- Offers practical annexes, including guiding questions on disability inclusion (Annex 1), accessibility guidance for events (Annex 2), and accessibility standards for publications and web content (Annex 3).

Disadvantages

- Sector-specific document on climate finance, which may limit its applicability across different fields.
- Lengthy and may require specialized knowledge to understand the technical language.

References

[Disability Inclusion in Climate Finance: A background paper for the disability inclusion approach for climate investment funds by Climate Investment Funds, 2024](#)

Key resources on disability-inclusive climate action: Training and Capacity Building

Inclusive Community Engagement: Executive Guide

Author

C40 knowledge hub

Date

2019

Purpose

Part of a C40 Cities resource set, it offers guidance on inclusive engagement, planning, and ensuring equitable impacts of climate actions. The guide helps city leaders and policymakers implement inclusive processes for equitable urban climate action.

- Sections 1 and 2 explain the need for inclusivity in climate action, showing how it leads to fairer policies and benefits.
- Section 3 offers key principles and policy recommendations for city leaders.
- Sections 4-6 provide an overview of the Inclusive Community Engagement Playbook, a practical guide developed with leading cities.

Target Audience

Primary target audience

- City planners and local governments.
- Urban policymakers.
- Climate action teams within municipalities.

Secondary target audience

- OPDs, NGOs and advocacy groups focused on climate change and disability inclusion.
- International organizations and development agencies involved in urban planning and climate resilience.

Practical Application

The guide offers practical tools for city leaders, policymakers, and urban planners to create inclusive climate action strategies. It provides a

framework for engaging excluded communities in decision-making processes, ensuring their rights and perspectives shape climate policies.

Advantages

- Provides actionable guidance for city leaders and policymakers to ensure inclusive climate action.
- Offers a practical framework with principles and policy recommendations for engaging marginalized communities.

Disadvantages

- Sector-specific to urban climate adaptation sector, which may not fully address broader environmental challenges.
- May require prior knowledge of urban governance and climate policies to be understood fully.

References

[Inclusive Community Engagement: Executive Guide, C40 knowledge Hub](#)
(short version)

[Inclusive Community Engagement Playbook, C40 knowledge Hub](#) (full version)

Factsheet: Making the case for disability inclusion in climate action

Author

C40 knowledge hub

Date

2023

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide guidance to cities and local governments on how to include disability-inclusive practices into climate action planning and implementation.

The report offers strategies for creating accessible, inclusive urban environments that address the challenges impacting persons with disabilities while promoting equity in climate resilience efforts.

Target Audience

Primary target audience

- City planners and local governments.
- Urban policymakers.
- Climate action teams within municipalities.

Secondary target audience

- OPDs, NGOs and advocacy groups focused on climate change and disability inclusion.
- International organizations and development agencies involved in urban planning and climate resilience.

Practical Application

The report serves as a practical tool for city planners, local governments, and urban policymakers to integrate disability inclusion into climate action plans. OPDs and advocacy groups can also use the report to push for inclusive policy development, while international organizations can apply its insights to promote equitable climate resilience in cities worldwide.

Advantages

- Offers guidelines for local governments and city planners to adopt inclusive approaches in addressing climate risks.

Disadvantages

- The report focuses heavily on urban planning, which may not be as useful for other sectors.
- The report is extensive, requiring a significant time investment to thoroughly review and comprehend.
- May require prior knowledge of urban governance and climate policies to apply effectively.

References

[Factsheet: Making the case for disability inclusion in climate action by C40 cities](#)

More sector-specific policy papers and guidelines:

- [Policy paper: Mainstreaming disability inclusion through mobility action in cities, C40 knowledge hub](#)
- [Policy paper: Mainstreaming disability inclusion through energy transition in cities, C40 knowledge hub](#)
- [Measuring Progress in Urban Climate Change Adaptation: A monitoring, evaluating and reporting framework, C40 knowledge hub](#)

Disability-Inclusive Approaches to Climate Action

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Purpose

The publication promotes disability inclusion in climate action by offering practical guidance for the Canadian government and NGOs. It highlights best practices from disability inclusive projects and initiatives conducted by OPDs and NGOs. For those looking to dive deeper, Annex A showcases specific examples of how these inclusive approaches can be effectively implemented in various contexts. The Annex A of the Disability-Inclusive Approaches to Climate Action publication provides a list of initiatives with a focus on participation, barrier removal, empowerment, and inclusive data collection and brief information on their implementation.

Target Audience

Primary target audience

- Governments, NGOs.

Secondary target audience

- Development sector.

Practical Application

The publication provides practical steps for governments and NGOs to include disability inclusion into climate action. It highlights best practices from real-world projects, focusing on participation, barrier removal, and empowerment.

Advantages

- Provides clear, practical guidance for policymakers, OPDs and NGOs.
- Ideal for taking first steps toward inclusive climate action.

Disadvantages

- Although *Disability-Inclusive Approaches to Climate Action* is focused on Canadian contexts, its best practices can be adapted globally. These include promoting participation, removing barriers,

empowering persons with disabilities, and ensuring inclusive data collection, which can enhance climate resilience in diverse regions. The publication also offers models for collaboration, such as international coalitions that amplify advocacy for disability inclusion in global climate policies.

- Brief and does not cover all areas of climate action or disability inclusion.

References

["Disability-Inclusive Approaches to Climate Action" by Humanity & Inclusion \(Canada\)](#)

Making the green transition inclusive for persons with disabilities

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Purpose

The document aims to guide the inclusion of skills development into climate action initiatives. It highlights the importance of inclusive approaches that address the needs of marginalized groups, including persons with disabilities. The document aims to equip policymakers, employers, and educators with strategies to enhance workforce resilience and ensure all individuals can access the skills and opportunities necessary for meaningful participation in a sustainable economy.

Target Audience

Primary target audience

- Policymakers in climate and workforce development.
- Private sector.
- Training institutions.
- OPDs and NGOs, trade unions.

Secondary target audience

- Advocacy groups for persons with disabilities.
- Researchers and academics.

Practical Application

The publication serves as a practical resource for stakeholders involved in the green transition, providing insights on the impact of climate change on employment and the inclusion of persons with disabilities. It offers concrete recommendations for policymakers, employers, and educators to promote inclusive practices in key economic sectors.

Advantages

- Provides actionable steps for various stakeholders, including policymakers and employers, to promote inclusion.

Disadvantages

- Sector-Specific and do not address broader issues outside the identified key economic sectors.
- The document is lengthy and may require familiarity with specific technical language, potentially limiting accessibility for some stakeholders.

References

[Making the green transition inclusive for persons with disabilities, International Labor Organisation Global Business and Disability Network, ONCE Fundacion](#)

Protest for All. A guide for climate change groups to help them understand how to make their protests and meetings better for disabled people

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Purpose

This guide, *Protest For All*, provides climate change groups with detailed advice on making protests and meetings more accessible and inclusive for persons with disabilities. It covers a wide range of practical considerations, from accessible venues and transportation to ensuring clear communication and offering necessary accommodations.

Target Audience

Primary target audience

- Climate change groups and environmental activists organizing protests, meetings, and events.

Secondary target audience

- OPDs, disability rights organizations, advocates, and allies seeking to support inclusive climate action.
- Event organizers and planners focused on accessibility.
- Policymakers and institutions promoting inclusive activism.

Practical Application

The *Protest For All* guide offers actionable steps for creating inclusive environments that enable participation of persons with disabilities in climate protests and events. It serves as a resource for event organizers and policymakers to ensure accessibility.

Advantages

- Provides checklists and tips to ensure protests are safe, accessible, and inclusive for all participants.
- Offers clear explanations of jargon, making the content easier to understand for a broader audience.
- Empowers persons with disabilities by emphasizing their right to participate actively in climate advocacy.

Disadvantages

- The guide may not cover all specific needs of individuals with different types of disabilities, limiting its applicability.

References

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