

Stockholm Declaration – Workability International challenges Governments to reduce the gap by 50%, between employment levels for people with disabilities and those without disabilities, by 2027.

At its conference in Stockholm in September 2007, members of Workability International urged early ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights for People with Disabilities.

Workability International's mission is to champion disabled people's right to work. It strongly believes that people with disabilities should have the same right to work and equality of opportunity to and in employment as all other citizens and that the levels of employment for people with disabilities should be similar to those without disabilities.

Whilst Workability International welcomed the adoption of the Convention on the Rights for People with Disabilities by the UN General Assembly on the 13th December 2006; it recognises that the success of the convention depends on major efforts being made by both states and civil society to create the necessary environment and tools for ensuring full inclusion of people with disabilities, in all activities of every day life.

Workability International urges States to:

- ratify the convention without delay;
- take necessary measures for national implementation and introduce the national monitoring of employment of people with disabilities, as required by the convention;
- ensure all forms of employment are available to people with disabilities together with the provision of choice for the individual in choosing their employment;
- ensure that organisations providing services to people with disabilities are actively involved in the development of policies and legislation relating to services to people with disabilities;
- develop common methods for presenting, monitoring and comparing statistics for employment among people with disabilities within and between states; and
- by 2027, reduce the gap between employment levels for people with disabilities similar to those without disabilities, by 50%.

. Members of Workability International, as part of the civil society, commit themselves to:

- using their knowledge and experience of finding employment opportunities and solutions; will in their own country, take an active part in the process of implementing the UN convention;
- contributing to a broad range of forms of employment and opportunities; working in partnership with employers and the business community;
- focussing on people with disabilities' employment support needs; their abilities and aspirations.
- monitoring the level of employment among people with disabilities in their own country; and
- offering their knowledge & experience through project participation, to developing countries.

Workability International will present annual statistics reporting employment levels of people with disabilities, for those states in which members are located creating an index for comparison starting from 2007.