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# DISABLED PEOPLE AND THE POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT GOAL AGENDA THROUGH A DISABILITY STUDIES LENS



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Towards Post-2015 development agenda

## What future do you want?

<http://www.undp.org/tr/Gozem2.aspx?WebSayfaNo=4476>

### Introduction:

Sustainable development (SD) is about “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”[1].

Efforts are underway to link sustainable development goals (SD) with the Post 2015 development agenda.

### Methods:

#### Data Sources:

- Scopus, EBSCO, Web of Science, JSTOR
- New York Times, Canadian Newsstand, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) Reporting Services
- Discussion Forum of Disability and the Post-2015 Development Goal Agenda Discourse [2]
- Post-2015 Development Goal Proposal List
- Google Scholar on “Sustainable Consumption of”

#### Data Analysis:

- ATLAS.ti©, a qualitative data analysis software for coding (qualitative) and hit counts (quantitative) of themes

### Purpose:

To examine the role and visibility of disabled people in the discourses of various global policy processes related to sustainable development (social sustainability, Rio+20, sustainable consumption, Post 2015 development goal agenda).

### Results:

Who is seen as a stakeholder?	What are the attitudes towards disabled people?	What are the goals and actions discussed?
Top five: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Business</li> <li>2. Community</li> <li>3. Government</li> <li>4. Industry</li> <li>5. Corporate</li> </ol> Rarely mentioned: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Elderly</li> <li>2. Youth</li> <li>3. Indigenous people</li> <li>4. Disabled People</li> </ol>	According to the participants of the discussion forum <i>disability and the Post-2015 development goal agenda</i> : “Discrimination and negative attitude continue to be a problem.” [2]	Top three actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Policy</li> <li>2. Indicators</li> <li>3. Goals</li> </ol> Top three themes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Global</li> <li>2. International</li> <li>3. Food</li> </ol> These are of high relevance to disabled people, but discussions are not explicitly linked to disabled people

- Disabled people have clear ideas as to why they are invisible, what the problems with development policies are and what needs to happen to rectify the problems.
- Within disability discourse there was a lack of visibility of various SD areas and goals.



# THE WORLD WE WANT

<http://www.undispatch.com/tag/post-2015-development-agenda>

### Discussion

World Report on Disability [3] recommends including the disabled population in all aspects of development

Academics have to become more inclusive in their research including SD research and have to become more relevant to disabled people [2].

Human Security cannot be realized for disabled people without being involved in development agenda settings



## ...what next?

<http://www.medicusmundi.org/en/topics/pnfp-sector-and-global-health-initiatives/thematic-guide-health-in-the-post-2015-un-development-agenda>

### Future Directions

This data can be used to further the goal of mainstreaming of disabled people into the SD and Post-2015 development discourses. Furthermore, this data highlights other forms of social group visibility unevenness in the literature. This is also of use for other stakeholders such as youth, women and indigenous people and also for NGOs and policy makers.

Full paper of this poster can be found open access at [4]

### References

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