

HARMONIZATION OF DOMESTIC LEGISLATIVE MEASURES WITH THE CRPD - TURKMENISTAN



**Expert Group Meeting
on the Harmonization of National Legislations
with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific**

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TURKMENISTAN – COUNTRY IN CENTRAL ASIA



ORGANIZATION OF LAWS:

- Constitution
- Laws
- Codes
- Decrees and Acts of President
- Resolutions of President
- Resolutions of the Cabinet of Ministers
- Normative Acts
- Resolutions of governors
- Decision of local meetings



LAWS THAT HAVE SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:

- Constitution
- Code on Social Welfare
- Labour Code
- Law on Guarantees of Rights of Child
- Law on State Guarantees of Equal Rights for Women
- Law on Public Associations
- Law on Health Care
- Criminal Procedural Code



FINDINGS:

Aims of national legislation consistent with the CRPD

But...there are areas which need improvement



- 1) Use of traditional medical understanding of disability**
- 2) Focus on rehabilitation and social protection**
- 3) Use of language**
- 4) Contradiction among national laws**



RECOMMENDATIONS:

- **Ensure that there is no direct/indirect discrimination**
- **Improve de facto position of people with disabilities through policies and programmes**
- **Address issues of stereotypes**



- 4) Undertake advocacy, awareness raising, behaviour change initiatives**

- 5) Re-focuse state budget towards investment into economic and social inclusion of persons with disabilities**

- 6) Bring international expertise**



QUESTIONS PLEASE!