PACIFIC DISABILITY FORUM

SESSION 5 – CAPACITY BUILDING
Engagement at national and regional level on SDG implementation: What Worked

• Looking at disability issue as a broad development issue
• Identify key entry points and contacts
• Adopt a broad-based approach, demonstrating how inclusion will benefit all
• Identify strategic partners and strategic opportunities
• Document and disseminate models of inclusion and the process
• Champions – political will and leadership
Examples of Partnership Work

- Law reform – UNESCAP, PIFS, Pacific governments
- Policy review and development – PIFS, UNESCAP
- Data – SPC and UNICEF to support governments, but partnership at national to be strengthened
- Budget – Global partners, CBM Australia
- Accessibility – PIFS, CBM, UN agencies – UNRCO/ OHCHR/ ILO
- DRR/Climate Change – PRP, UNDRR, UNOCHA, PIANGO
- Education – PIFS, USP, UNICEF, UNESCO, SPC, APTC
- Political – Global partners, FEO
Barriers

• Absence of the representative voice of persons with disabilities to guide all development policies, programmes and monitoring mechanisms.

• Lack of disaggregated data and links between disability & poverty or other development agenda

• Perception that disability is a special issue requiring particular technical expertise or separate programme

• Development funding criteria and related tools excluding persons with disabilities
Conclusion

• Countries cannot afford to keep between 10 to 20% of their populations off their economic, social, cultural and political agendas.

“A society fit for persons with disabilities is the only society fit for all.” (author unknown)