How can we promote the development and implementation of these priority public policy actions?

Government

- Legislative branch of government - need for parliamentarians to pressurise government
- Enforcement of existing laws - pressurised by civil society
- Better framework of governance

Financing

- Enabling private sector engagement through tax breaks
- Employment - encouraging small companies to employ persons with disabilities is difficult, so need for government to support this with funding for assistive tech
- Government has to put up real money
- Tech and innovation - funds supporting quality of service for persons with disabilities - encouraging private sector to apply items for disability sector

Involvement of PWD

- Persons with disabilities are not seen as an important stakeholder - we must consult them - so we need to get government to involve them

Education

- Summarise ideas about persons with disabilities to give colleagues and former students who are now staff in government and other organisations
- Academics can help review research and policies
- Eexecutive development programmes should include material on disabilities

UN role

- ESCAP can support assessments in countries for bringing business in to expand tech for persons with disabilities - we need evidence - but we need requests from governments to do this
- UN can respond to explicit requests to develop new ideas and sponsor events that reach out and bring together stakeholders - users, persons with disabilities, tech, policy makers, regulators - to co-design specific solutions
- ESCAP can assist governments - currently drafting a paper on procurement policies as an enabling tool to encourage accessibility and universal design - would welcome peer-review inputs

Commitment and champions

- Committed individuals

Joseph - tripartite partnerships (Hong Kong): government funded/direct measures;universities; hospitals; NGOs, private sector

Sawang - need for: innovation/technology for limited space; for rule breakers; for real mobility; uber/grab assist; smart navigation, sign language apps; gap filler tech…

Involving press and media

- Involve the press to put pressure on government
- Social media campaigns
- Journalists have key role

Legal action

- Civil Society using class actions to push implementation of existing laws
- Universal design - we still need policies for accessibility - guidelines have no use - private sector does not listen - must have mandatory power - and thus laws
- Implementation of legislation
  - Series of events to change (where necessary) and implement laws

Knowledge exhange

- Matchmaking system for sharing knowledge and experience
- Accessible Websites for reporting disability issues
- INIT - e-accessibility - if any organisation wants to move towards this, we can help ensure that websites are accessible

Direct action

- Name and shame - taking pictures and shaming issues

Evidence gathering

- Advocating more on how we look at budgeting systems within governments can be tracked - evidence-based

Involving disability in wider agendas

- Private sector - smart cities - ensuring that the design of these involves accessibility/disability issues.
- Involving disability issues in larger networks - e.g. mobility and access in Philippines
- Thai Parliament has just passed (August 10) copyright act - allowing persons with disabilities to do recopying of books and making it accessible if publisher does not do this already