

AIDRAN Biennial Conference 2023

Advancing Disability Rights:

Disability Inclusive Development Reimagined

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Conference Background

This year's conference will be centred on the concept of Disability-Inclusive Development (DID). The objective is to provide a forum for discussion, reflection, and recommendations so that participants can help to end the marginalisation of people with disability from all aspects of development. As with previous AIDRAN conferences, research or other relevant work concerning, and from different parts of the world are strongly encouraged.

The conference will be an opportunity for all to learn from people with disability, and also from those researchers, civil society activists, and policy makers working alongside people with lived experience of disability. This conference is critical to place the challenges faced by people with disability at the forefront, highlighting the importance of their participation and representation. It is part of our effort to end the marginalisation of people with disability so they may exercise their right to benefit from development.

Disability Inclusive Development (DID) has been identified as an important component to achieve a sustainable future. Its twin track approach addresses inequalities between people with disability and those who have no disability and supports specific initiatives to empower people with disability (DFID 2000,11). There are at least three pathways that need to be considered to ensure that the objectives of DID can be achieved (Gupta et.al 2015). *First*, the need to build relevant epistemic communities of practice and social movements. *Second*, transforming governance into interactive governance to enable empowerment. *Third*, adopting appropriate governance instruments.

The Indonesian government has demonstrated its commitment to fulfil the rights of people with disability as enshrined in the United Nations *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* (CRPD) by ratifying the Convention in 2011 and passing the *Law on Disability* in 2016. Policies and regulations have also been adopted that are consistent with the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) message to "leave no one behind". Working with national and international organisations, the Indonesian government calls for all development

sectors to include people with disabilities. The Indonesian government's commitment is also demonstrated in The [Jakarta Declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2023–2032](#). The Jakarta Declaration was adopted at the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting to guide regional efforts towards realising disability rights and inclusion in the coming decade. The Jakarta Declaration highlights a gender-responsive life cycle approach to disability-inclusive development and underscores the importance of engaging persons with disabilities and their representative organisations and the private sector in all development efforts to build sustainable and inclusive societies.

This conference is designed to contribute to the pathways to DID by helping to strengthen the community of practice formed by researchers, disability advocates, civil society activists and government institutions (Rodriquez 2021). As a community, participants will contest and challenge the ways inclusion is addressed. By involving actors such as local, national and international communities, this forum will provide an opportunity for interaction between state and non-state actors which can inform policy making. Hence, aspects of participation, accountability, equity and efficiency will form part of the process. Finally, the interaction among scholars, advocates and state institutions from different parts of the region will enrich the conversation and open us up to broader experience in creating opportunities for inclusion.

By addressing development problems, the conference offers a diverse range of topics for consideration. These range from the fundamental importance of data and its analysis; to the policy making process; as well as more traditional areas of concern such as enhancing the provision of health and education services. However, an equally important theme is that of intersectionality, which has come to play an important role in development policy and practice. Intersectionality is the recognition that multiple forms of disadvantage contribute to unique disempowerment and exclusion. This is different from having an aggregate or compounding effect on people with disability. For example, an indigenous girl with disability experiences a form of disadvantage that is irreducible to that experienced by all children with disability or indigenous men or women without disability.

Disability as a form of identity clearly intersects with all other aspects of social identity such as age, gender, class, ethnicity, race, religion, sexuality, economic background, education, and nationality. Addressing the challenges faced by people with disability in having their basic rights respected and fulfilled therefore requires an understanding and acknowledgement of their multiple identities. Through this conference we will have the opportunity to advocate for the need for governments and other policy makers to consider the multiple identities of people with disability to potentially further disadvantage them to participate. This is one of the reasons why the SDGs require countries to have disaggregated data on key disability indicators so that existing inequities can be revealed, and actions can be formulated to address the problems.

Given this background, disability advocates, researchers, civil society activists, policy makers, and artists are invited to participate in the AIDRAN 2023 Biennial Conference to share their experience and knowledge in an open and inclusive forum. This will be a mutual endeavour to identify concrete action to make people with disability visible in policymaking so that development can lead to a just and inclusive society. In addition to inviting participants to respond to DID and intersectionality, research or presentations that take an interdisciplinary approach are encouraged.

Conference Conveners

1. Slamet Thohari, MA, Indonesia Chair of AIDRAN, Senior Researcher, AIDRAN.
2. Dr Dina Afrianty, AIDRAN President, Lecturer, Thomas More Law School, Australian Catholic University (ACU).
3. Professor Patrick Keyzer, Dean, Thomas More Law School, AIDRAN Advisory Board member.
4. Professor Wening Udasmoro, Vice Rector for Education and Learning, Universitas Gadjah Mada.
5. Dr Wuri Handayani, Senior Lecturer, Inclusive Development Specialist Universitas Gadjah Mada.
6. Dr Sevda Clark, Lecturer, Australian Catholic University (ACU).
7. Dr Arie Sujito, Vice Rector for Vice Rector for Student Affairs, Community Services and Alumni, Universitas Gadjah Mada.
8. Dr Fina Itriayati, Vice Dean for Research, Cooperation, Community Service, and Alumni Affairs, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Universitas Gadjah Mada.
9. Dr Nurhadi Susanto, Vice Dean for Finance. Asset and Human Resources, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Universitas Gadjah Mada.
10. Dr Suzanna Eddyono, Head of Master Program, Social Welfare and Development Department, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Universitas Gadjah Mada.

Conference Topics

1. Inclusion of marginalised groups in development.
2. The role of Disabled Peoples' Organisations (DPOs) in policy-making.
3. Community action for inclusive development.
4. Inclusive employment and economic independence.
5. Inclusive education.
6. Social protection and well-being.
7. Accessible and equitable health services.
8. Digital inclusion.
9. Financial inclusion.
10. The right to legal identity of people with disabilities.
11. Access to justice.
12. Climate change and disaster risk management for marginalised groups.
13. Inclusive arts.
14. Inclusive research methodology and data collection.
15. Restorative justice and disability inclusive policy.
16. Universal design and inclusive design.
17. Assistive technology and innovation.
18. Social and cultural inclusion.
19. Democracy and Inclusive Elections.

Conference location

This two-day conference will be delivered at the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences at Gadjah Mada University, in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

Conference dates

Tuesday 21- Thursday 23 November 2023

Your participation at the conference is expected to contribute to:

1. The establishment of a broader network among scholars, disability advocates, and government officials at the international, national and local levels.
2. The formation of research and advocacy partnerships between international and national institutions, in particular between Australian and Indonesian institutions aimed at promoting participatory development.
3. Increased awareness of the fulfilment of the rights of people with disabilities.
4. The broadening of the discussion on inclusion and equality.
5. The establishment of network of Tertiary Educational Institutions committed to realising the rights to accessible and quality education for people with disabilities.
6. The establishment of partnership between local government institutions with educational institutions to promote and formulate inclusive policies.
7. Publication about the events in mainstream or social media.
8. Publication of papers presented in the conference.

Key dates

1.	Announcement of the Call of Abstracts (COA)	24 July 2023
2.	Submission of Abstracts	5 September 2023
3.	Due of submission	10 September 2021
3.	Announcement of selected abstracts	15 September 2023
4.	Registration for presenters	30 September 2023
5.	Registration for general audience	30 September 2023
6.	Submission of draft paper	20 October 2023

7.	Announcement of conference information and logistics	25 October 2023
8.	Announcement of Conference Program	1 November 2023
9.	Conference Welcome Dinner	21 November 2023
10.	Conference Day 1 and Day 2	22-23 November 2023

Call for Abstracts and innovative forms of Conference participation

The conference organising committee is pleased to invite presenters to submit abstracts for:

- 1) individual oral presentation.
- 2) poster presentation, and/or,
- 3) panel abstracts to be delivered at the conference,
- 4) panel initiative from Disabled People Organisations (DPOs),
- 5) Should participants wish to present artwork or other cultural material at the conference, this can also be addressed in the call for abstract process.

Here are the guidelines for submitting research abstracts:

1. Submissions must be written in English up to 250 words.
2. Panel submissions for disability advocates and civil society organisations can be in Bahasa Indonesia stating the topic of the panel presentation.
3. Abstracts must be submitted in the template provided.
4. Every effort will be made to accommodate the presenter/author presentation preference however the organising committee will allocate the presentation to best suit the conference program.
5. The invitation to submit an abstract and to present your research or work at the conference does not constitute an offer to pay travel expenses, and accommodation during your participation.
6. The successful presenters are not required to pay conference fees or any other fee associated with participation.