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# THE GRID NOTEBOOK #13

## Groups for Rehabilitation and Inclusive Development

### *Building Communities of Practice for Rehabilitation and Inclusive Development in the North West Region of Cameroon*

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#### Newsletter #13 - November 21, 2016

The GRID NOTEBOOK is a biweekly newsletter featuring Events, Announcements, News, Resources, and Opportunities you need to know about if you are interested in Rehabilitation and Inclusive Development in the North West Region of Cameroon.

To view this issue online, please go to <https://nwrcommunityofpractice.wordpress.com/articles-and-documents/>

We are happy to include submissions from people who share a passion for rehabilitation and inclusive development in the North West Region. If you have something to contribute, please send it to [nwrcommunityofpractice@gmail.com](mailto:nwrcommunityofpractice@gmail.com)

#### Events

**November 23th - 24th, 2016 ~ The 2016 Bamenda Conference on Disability and Rehabilitation** This annual event provides an opportunity for people interested in disability, rehabilitation, and disability inclusive development issues, in the North West Region of Cameroon, Africa, and the rest of the world, to come together and share experiences, ideas and recommendations. A range of dynamic and informative speakers will be presenting at this year's conference. Ample opportunity will be provided for information sharing and professional networking over the 2 days of the conference, in both small and large groups.: Venue is Ntamulung Auditorium, Bamenda  
<http://www.disabilityconferencebamenda.net/>

**Sports and Sociocultural activities: December 3**, at SENAJES Sports Complex, Mile 90 Mankon, Bamenda in line with the celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2016. Organized by CUAPWD, Social Affairs, Ministry of Sport and Culture, co-sponsored by Empowerment and Disability Inclusive Development Program (EDID) of the CBCHBS. This event will involve Fan Club animation and multiple sport activities like goal ball, hand ball and football matches and Tricycle and wheelchair races will be included. Your participation will go a long way to greatly reduce social stigma and foster the inclusion and well-being of persons with disabilities in the North West Region. There will be a final award of prizes to deserving persons. For more information contact CUAPWD.



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**#GRIDNetwork:** The GRID Media and Rehab recently held a workshop to discuss many forms of media and how they can be used in disability inclusive development. Podcasts, radio, hashtags, Instagram and many more were discussed. Please send your recent GRID related articles and hashtags to Mr. Ngawe Yufenyu [njefmanyuf@gmail.com](mailto:njefmanyuf@gmail.com) who is compiling a list to be shared. Use #GRIDNetwork in your posts; More hashtags will be shared in future issues of the GRID Notebook.

**The GRID CBR Group** recently held a meeting and discussed the global move from “Community based Rehabilitation” to “Community based Inclusive Development”, as well as many other topics. New information and resource sheets will soon be available. For more information, contact Mr. Kenchi Joseph [josephkenchi@yahoo.com](mailto:josephkenchi@yahoo.com).

## Announcements

**Tuition free vocational training for women with disabilities:** The Regional Delegation of Women’s Empowerment and the Family (MINPROFF NW) and Socio Economic Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (SEEPD) Program of the Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Services (CBCHS) have launched an initiative to support women and girls living with disabilities to Let's get the word out and encourage women/girls with disabilities to enrol. <http://sisterspeak237.com/cameroon-tuition-free-vocational-training-for-women-with-disabilities/>

## News

**Guidelines for Evidence Use in Policy-Making:** Guidelines for Evidence Use in Policy-Making (from Malawi) are now available [https://www.afidep.org/?wpfb\\_dl=173](https://www.afidep.org/?wpfb_dl=173) . They provide an institutional framework for promoting an increased focus on evidence use, skills and tips in understanding the complexity of decision-making. Read more here <https://www.theguardian.com/science/political-science/2016/oct/22/africas-community-of-evidence-informed-policymakers-is-growing-fast>. You can join the Africa Evidence Network here: <http://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/>

## Resources

**AfriNEAD:** Want to know more about what is happening with respect to disability issues in Africa? The African Network for Evidence-to-Action on Disability (AfriNEAD) exists to ensure that research contributes to a better quality of life for people with disabilities in Africa. AfriNEAD facilitates networking among researchers, persons with disability, government representatives, business and civil society within the African region as well as with international communities. To effectively realise the rights of persons with disabilities, these stakeholders need to collaborate in the area of disability research. Sign up for regular emails and newsletters: <http://blogs.sun.ac.za/afrinead/contact-us/>

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This edition of the GRID Notebook was prepared by Lynn Cockburn. Thanks for reading! Feel free to share it with others. We welcome submissions.