
THE GRID NOTEBOOK #19

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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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.

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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

Announcements

SMARTPHONES and Visual Impairments: The GRID Network is planning a workshop and the development of materials on the topic of how people with visual impairments and who are blind are using smartphones. If you have information to share, please let us know. We are particularly looking for people in the North West Region who can share their successes – **Please contact Dr. Mbibeh Louis** [mbibeh16@yahoo.com] if you can be a resource person in this topic.

Events

The SPECIAL NEEDS & DISABILITY COMPLIANCE IN BASIC AND HIGHER EDUCATION CONFERENCE was held 23rd & 24th March, 2017 in Johannesburg, South Africa. This conference was for people working in higher education to learn about their obligations to students and staff with disabilities by improving campus-wide access and the use of up-to-date assistive technologies.

"Disability and Inclusion in Africa: The Role of Assistive Technology" The 5th AfriNEAD conference will be held in Kumasi, Ghana on the 7th – 9th August 2017 at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST).

2017 AFREhealth Symposium – August 1-3, Accra, Ghana AFREhealth (an interdisciplinary health professional forum which seeks to improve health care through research, education and capacity building) is convening an African health professional education and research conference for the first time this year. The objectives of the Symposium are to promote Health professional education and research, to promote linkages with health systems and other initiatives and to share experiences. The deadline to submit abstracts is May 31. Early bird registration ends June 30.

Conference of States Parties COSP for the CRPD: The 10th session of the COSP to the CRPD will take place from Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 June 2017 at UN Headquarters in New York. On Monday 12 June, a Civil Society CRPD Forum will be held to complement the Conference. Most of you are aware

that **The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)** is a human rights treaty adopted by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly in 2006. It calls on states to uphold, promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities as defined in the treaty. Article 40 of the CRPD stipulates that States Parties (signatories to the Convention) shall meet regularly in a **Conference of States Parties (COSP)** to consider any matter with regard to the implementation of the Convention. Since 2008, the COSP has been held annually at the UN headquarters in New York, covering a range of themes and issues in round-tables, interactive dialogues and side-events. If you are aware of how Cameroon is being represented at these meetings, please let us know so we can report in future editions of the GRID Notebook.

Resources

The GRID Network is developing a number of resources that are useful to Disability Inclusive Development work in and out of the Northwest. Stay tuned to get these in the nearest future. For example, we are preparing a list of “12 Key Documents in DID”, a Case study on girls in school that can be used for training purposes,, and 16 stories on girls and women living with disabilities.

Opportunities

The GRID Network will be seeking students for internship during the summer vacation. Stay tuned for a call for expression of interest – Contact Louis Mbibeh for more information.

This edition of the GRID Notebook was prepared by Louis MBIBEH.

Thanks for reading!

Feel free to share it with others.