The CBR Global Network (CGN), established in Agra, India in 2012 during the 1st CBR World Congress, is an umbrella organization of regional and National CBR Networks: Asia Pacific, Africa, and the Americas. Other members include representatives from the International Disability Alliance (IDA), Disabled People International (DPI), the International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC), and the World Health Organization (WHO).

Our Vision:

“Inclusive and empowered communities.”

Objectives of the Network:

To promote and support the strengthening the CBR regional and sub-regional networks;

To support the strengthening of CBR, for example

– facilitating training and workshops; and

– increasing knowledge and fostering a common understanding about CBR;

To promote and increase awareness about CBR – the concept of Community-Based Disability-Inclusive Development (CBID);

To develop a knowledge base on CBR and to be a resource centre; to develop and maintain a global CBR database; to maintain an up-to-date and relevant website; to maintain a social media presence;

To facilitate research in the field of CBR, disability and development, and other issues related to disability-inclusive development;

To network and form partnerships with Disabled People’s Organizations

To mobilize resources related to its objectives;

First CBR World Congress – India 2012

WHO and Mobility India, in collaboration with CBR Network India (CBRIN), organized the first Congress in Agra, India in 2012, attended by over 1,000 delegates from 85 countries – policymakers and rehabilitation professionals, local and international NGOs and DPOs, government officials, and other stakeholders from around the world.

Second CBR World Congress – Malaysia 2016

Empowering and Enabling

Community actions towards human rights and sustainable development through CBR
The second CBR World Congress came at a pivotal time – 2016 saw the 10th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) marked the first anniversary of the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) coming into force. Therefore this Congress was a perfect opportunity to take stock of what CBR is today and how it has evolved over the years into an inclusive development strategy. Importantly, the Congress was also the platform from which to look forward and to reflect on the future direction of CBR in the context of the CRPD and SDGs.

CBR is characterized by the active involvement in it of persons with disabilities, their families, and community support groups, and also by its multi-sectorial approach to inclusive development. CBR is increasingly engaging decision makers from municipalities, villages and district authorities, local governance, and regional and country governments to work together to reduce inequalities among persons with disabilities in the community.

As CBR continues to evolve to respond to current needs and trends, it is imperative that these characteristics are maintained and strengthened.

The objectives of the Congress were:

1. To create an international platform for taking stock of CBR around the world and for engaging in deliberations to ensure its relevance in a post-2015 world in which the human rights and development agendas are closely linked.
2. To recommend effective ways and means to build capacity in CBR.
3. To facilitate dialogue among CBR practitioners, DPOs, civil society, government and academia about critical issues in CBR.

To achieve these objectives, there were three types of sessions:

PLENARY SESSIONS to acquire new knowledge and skills, and to reflect on how CBR contributes to the implementation of the CRPD and the post-2015 development framework with the aspiration of “leaving no-one behind”.
PARALLEL SESSIONS to share CBR good practice and lessons learned.
INTERACTIVE FORA to enable dialogue among CBR Congress participants (Government, DPOs, civil society, academia and CBR professionals), and to build consensus for meaningful Congress recommendations on CBR in the post-2015 world.

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PLENARY SESSION 1: Countries’ Perspectives on Sustainability
1. GERALD GWINJI
2. SANDRA WILLIS
3. PETER NGOMWA
4. JOSELITO BEUNAFLOR
5. DEREK HOOPER
PARALLEL SESSIONS 1: CBR Stakeholders and Sustainability

Sustainability 1

1. RAZI KHAN HAMDARD

2. AWA JACQUES CHIRAC-2
3. DJENANA JALOVICIC & DARKO KRZNAHIC-SUSTAINABILITY OF CBR
4. K. KEMPAIAH

Sustainability 2

1. ASMA SARFAZ
2. MARITZA QUINTADA-SUSTAINABILITY OF CBR
3. JIPTHA BOIRAGEE-2
4. NAZMUL BARJ

Sustainability 3

1. GWYNNETH LLEWELLYN & DARRYL BARRETT
2. RATANA SRIWARKUL
3. SARA VARUGHSE & JAY KUMAR

Sustainability 4

1. SOMCHAI RUNGSILP-SUSTAINABILITY OF CBR
2. MAHOLO CAROLYNE
3. THIPPANNA C.C.
4. OLMEDO ZAMBRANO-SUSTAINABILITY OF CBR

Sustainability 5

1. ZAW MOE AUNG (PRESENTER ROE NWE WAI)
2. DEEPAK RAJ SAPKOTA & RAM KRISHNA THAPA
3. MONICA CASTILLO TOLEDO
4. KENCHI JOSEPH ETAL

Sustainability 6

1. ROSALINA FLORES OBANDO
2. ETSUKO UENO-2 (1)
3. RIPON CHAKRABORTY
4. ERLYNN M JAUCIAN

“PARALLEL SESSIONS 1: NATIONAL DISABILITY COUNCIL”

“PARALLEL SESSIONS 1: CBR STAKEHOLDERS & SUSTAINABILITY: INTERACTIVE FORA”

PLENARY SESSION 2: Regional Perspectives

1. ANDREA C. VOGT
2. ALICK NYIRENDA
3. DAVID LOPEZ NICARAGUA-ENG
4. ALAA SEBEH
PARALLEL SESSIONS 2:
CBR in Practice 1
1. ATUL JAISWAL & HEATHER ALDERSEY
2. ANAND MHATRE
3. HEATHER ALDERSEY & MOHAMMAD MORSHEDEUL QUADIR
4. NIKOLA SEYMOUR
CBR in Practice 2
1. VIZIA VARDHAN PATTA
2. SOUMANA ZAMO
3. RICHE NADEGE
4. MOHAPATRA & SULTAN MOHAMMAD NASARI
CBR in Practice 3
1. REBEKAH YOUNG
2. JIANJUN LI
3. THERESA LORENZO
4. SHIRISH DAVID SHEGAONKAR

CBR in Practice 4
1. TUMPAL SUJADI
2. MANMEET SINGH & ROHIT
3. TULGAMA DAMDINSUREN & ENKHBUYANT LHAGVAJAV
4. JOSEPH MUNYANDAMUTSA (PRESENTER Emmanuel Ndayisaba)

CBR in Practice 5
1. PASSAH ALAIN & ALAIN & PASCAL AHIDJO
2. FE ABARCAR-DE LOS REYES (PRESENTER JOSE ANTONIO ABARCAR)
3. MAXWELL AKANDEM
4. ANISH JOY

CBR in Practice 6
1. MATTHEW HANNING & ADRIAN BRAHMA
2. RAKOTONDRAZAKA PASCAL HONORE PATRICK
3. XU LAOLIU PRESENTER JANE LU
4. AMIT SOLOMON

CBR in Practice 7
1. KATE SHERRY
2. DEYSI LICOURT OTERO
3. DASARATHA RAMUDU RASINENI
4. BIKRAM KESHARI MOHAPATRA

PARALLEL SESSION 3: CBR Stakeholders and Workforce and Capacity Development
Stakeholders 1
1. ROSSMERY CRISPIN & CARLOS CABALLERO
2. MARGRITE SAROUFIM & NABIL EZZAT
3. SUNARMAN SUKAMTO
4. TAN YANQING

Stakeholders 2
1. GUSTAVO GILER
2. GLENNVILLE LIBURD & UGINIA THOMSON
3. GWYNNYTH LLEWELLYN
4. WAI LEUNG AMBROSE LO

Stakeholders 3
1. ANIL PATIL
2. YOGENDRA GIRI
3. MD ANISUZZAMAN
4. ALESSANDRO LORATO

Stakeholders 4
1. DJENANA JALOVCIC
2. DAYANA MARTINEZ
3. JULIANA N BODAN & JAMES LALU
4. ZHANG JINMING

Workforce and Capacity Development 1
1. GAMAL EZZ ELARAB
2. SIPHOKAZI GCAZA-SOMPETA & THERESA LORENZO
3. GEETA CHOPRA
4. MUHAMMAD ATIF SHEIKH-2

Workforce and Capacity Development 2
1. SUMAYA GABRIELS
2. LYNN COCKBURN ET AL.
3. SOPHIA YING LU
4. CHAKKRAPHOP DUNSIRICHAI

PLENARY SESSION 3: Innovation and Evidence
1. CHAPAL KHASNABIS
2. MARY WICKENDEN
3. RAJARAM SUBBIAN
4. NAIRA AVETISYAN

PARALLEL SESSION 2: PRACTICE, RESEARCH AND M&E IN CBR
Research 1:
1. LEUNG KAM-TAO
2. NIRAD BAG
3. GWYNNYTH LLEWELLYN & ALEXANDRA LEWIS-GARGETT
4. BARBARA BATESAKI

Research 2:
1. BATDULAM TUMENBAYAR-2
2. HUNG TAK FUNG ANCHOR-2
3. MARJOLEIN BALTUSSEN & MARIA ZUURMOND-3
4. NATHAN GRILLS

Research 3:
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2. M. HIGASHIDA & C KUMARASINGHE
3. PETER NGOMWA-PPT
4. SURESH DHONDGE-2

M&E 1:
1. SIRINAT TONGSIRI
2. EUNIOUS KAPITO
3. ANTHEA BRINKMAN

M&E 2:
1. YANA ZAYED & PETRA KIEL
2. MARIEKE BOERSMA
3. FARIDA YESMIN-3
Practice 8:
1. NOELAH MSUYA SHAWA
2. JACQUES CHIRAC ET AL.
3. TASLIMA AKTER
4. AWA JACQUES CHIRAC

Practice 9:
1. SOPHIA MOHAMED
2. SATOMI MUKAI ET AL.
3. SHISHIR KUMAR
4. YANISBEL MARQUEZ ALONZO

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