



Co-winner of Nobel Peace Prize

Canada endorses the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action

Conference of States Parties to the CRPD (COSP)

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The Honorable Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities, made the announcement at the tenth session of the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD (COSP) that's being held at the United Nations, in New York, today. This statement was prepared in coordination with her colleague, the Honorable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of International Development and La Francophonie.

A photo accompanying this announcement is available at

Kakuma Refugee camp, Kenya



**HANDICAP INTERNATIONAL
REHABILITATION TEAM LEADER KIBET
SPEAKS WITH SIMON OCHITI AT
KAKUMA'S RECEPTION CENTER**

Handicap International Canada

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The Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action was developed for the World Humanitarian Summit held in Istanbul on the 23th and the 24th of May 2016. Handicap International organized and co-hosted a special session on disability.

By endorsing the [Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action](#), stakeholders commit to:

- | Non-discrimination and respect of the diversity of people with disabilities;
- | The participation of people with disabilities in the design of humanitarian programs;
- | The provision of inclusive services;
- | The implementation of inclusive global policies;
- | The cooperation and coordination among humanitarian actors to improve the inclusion of people with disabilities.

A delegation from Handicap International, a worldwide NGO, co-owner of the 1997 Nobel peace prize, is present to participate in the workshops surrounding the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD (COSP).

Jérôme Bobin, Executive Director of Handicap International Canada, said: *"Today, Canada has transformed words into reality by endorsing the Charter on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action,*

which aims to ensure that the most vulnerable people are no longer forgotten and invisible in the midst of the crises that are shaking the planet. With this charter and the various commitments made in recent months, Canada is clearly positioning itself as the champion of the inclusion of people with disabilities in Canada and around the world and invites the rest of the international community to double their efforts in this matter".

About Handicap International

Handicap International is an independent international aid organisation. It has been working in situations of poverty and exclusion, conflict and disaster for 30 years. Working alongside persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups, our action and testimony are focused on responding to their essential needs, improving their living conditions, and promoting respect for their dignity and basic rights. Handicap International has set up development programmes in more than 60 countries and intervenes in numerous emergency situations. The network of eight national associations works constantly to mobilise resources, jointly manage projects and to increase the impact of the organisation's principles and actions.

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