Indigenous People with Disabilities: Access to Training and Employment

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BACKGROUND
Indigenous peoples with disabilities, an estimated 54 million people, have a universal right to decent work and livelihoods, as recognized in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2007), the ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (No. 169) and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2007).

The need to address proactively the right to work of indigenous peoples with disabilities has recently been highlighted in the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, with UN Member States expressing their commitment to promote and protect “the rights of indigenous persons with disabilities and to continuing to improve their social and economic conditions, including by developing targeted measures for the aforementioned action plans, strategies or measures, in collaboration with indigenous persons with disabilities”.

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