

**Towards a rights-based approach to  
development for persons with  
disabilities in Asia and the Pacific :  
Gaining synergy through the  
implementation of three set of  
documents; Biwako, B +5, the  
Convention and the MDGs**

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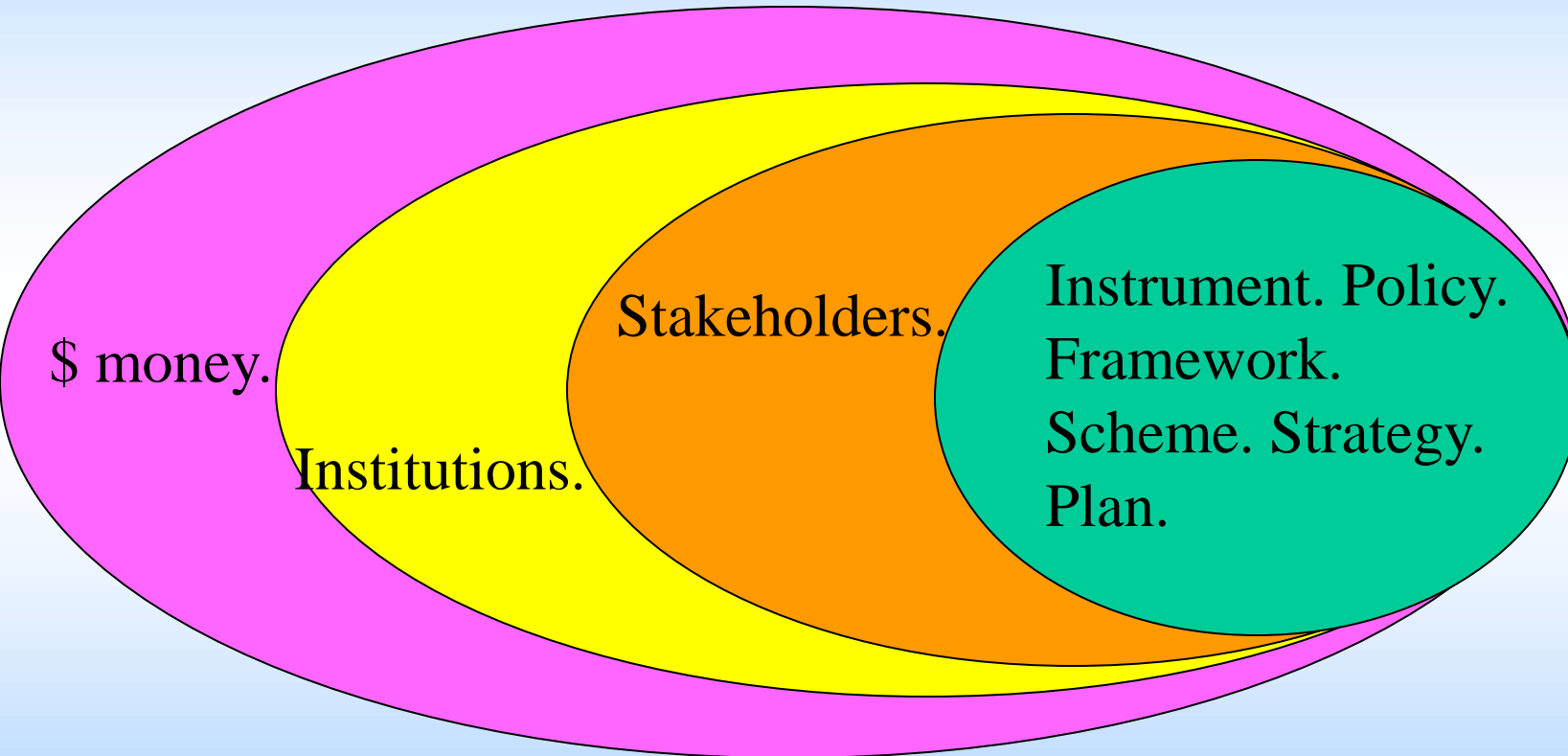
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# *Institutions and stakeholders*



*Multi-pronged approach  
for change*

## *Expected outcomes of the presentation*

- Explore ways to gain synergy from a three sets of documents  
→ Biwako, CRPD, MDGs.
- Learn about the UN recent work on disability and get involved.

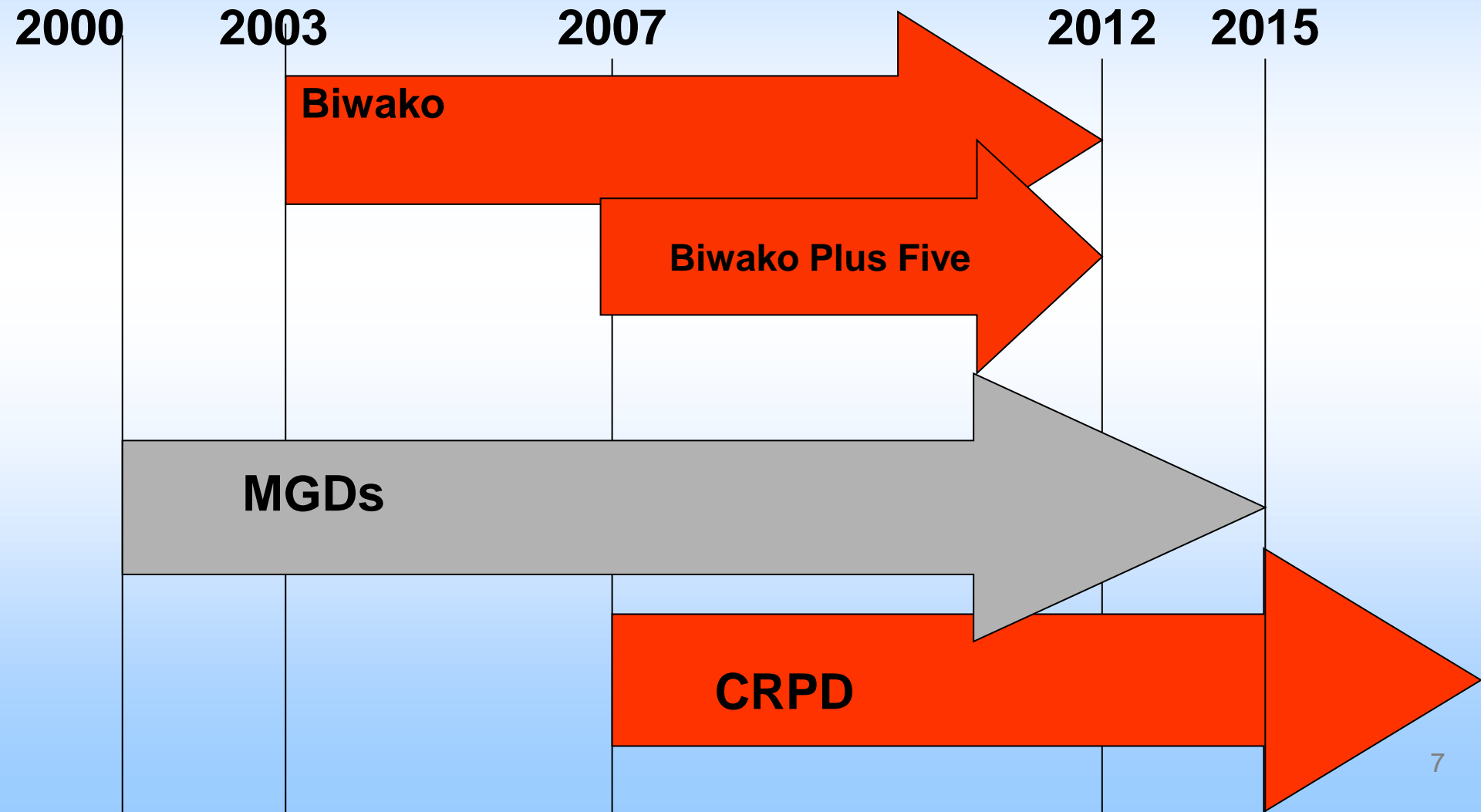
# *Biwako, MDGs and CRPD -similarities and differences*

- **Nature of the documents.**
- **Concepts and definitions.**
- **Substantive focus.**
- **Major stakeholders.**
- **Monitoring mechanism.**

# *Nature of the documents*

	BMF B+5	Convention	MDG
Legality	Non-binding	binding	Non-binding
Focus	ESCAP region Disability-specific	Global Disability-specific	Global Not disability-specific
Time	Bound to 2012	Eternal once effective	Bound to 2015

# *Biwako, MDGs and CRPD*



# *Concepts and definitions, characteristics*

	BMF B+5	Convention	MDG
Concepts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>–Inclusive, barrier-free and rights based society for persons with disabilities.</li> <li>–Paradigm shift from a charity-based approach.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>–Non-discrimination, equality and other basic principles of human rights treaties.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>–Human development.</li> <li>–Freedom from hunger, poverty, malnutrition, environmental degradation</li> </ul>



# *Concepts and definitions, characteristics*

	BMF B+5	Convention	MDG
Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>–Socio-economic rights focus.</li> <li>–Detailed actions.</li> <li>–Subregional-interregional collaboration.</li> <li>–Partnership with APDF, local gov. private sector.</li> <li>–People- agents of change.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>–Civil, political, social, economic and cultural rights.</li> <li>–Amplification of existing rights in disability terms.</li> <li>–Participation- important principle and rights.</li> <li>–Rights-holders and duty-bearers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>–Development.</li> <li>–Partnership between developed and developing countries.</li> <li>–Quantitative indicators for a country’s progress.</li> </ul>

# *Concepts and definitions, characteristics*

	BMF B+5	Convention	MDG
Definitions	Inclusive, barrier-free and rights based.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>–Definition-like description on persons with disabilities.</li><li>–Communication.</li><li>–Language.</li><li>–Discrimination.</li><li>–Reasonable accommodation.</li><li>–Universal design.</li></ul>	

***BMF, B+5, 7  
priority areas***

**Training and  
employment,  
including self-  
employment**

**Early detection,  
early  
intervention and  
education**

**Access to built  
environments and  
public transport**

**Poverty  
alleviation  
through  
capacity-  
building, social  
security and  
sustainable  
livelihood  
programmes**

**Persons with  
disabilities,  
family  
organizations**

**Women  
with  
disabilities**

**Access to  
information and  
communications,  
including  
information,  
communications  
and assistive  
technologies**

*Convention  
substantive  
articles*

**Work and  
employment**

**Respect for home  
and family**

**Education  
Health**

**Protecting the  
integrity of a  
person**

**Children  
with  
disabilities**

**Accessibility  
Personal Mobility  
Living  
independently and  
being included in  
community**

**Participation in  
public and political  
life**

**Women  
with  
disabilities**

**Access to cultural  
life, recreation,  
leisure and sport**

**Adequate standard  
of living and social  
protection**

**Freedom of  
expression and  
opinion, access to  
information**

*Convention  
substantive  
articles*

**Right to Life**

**Situation of risk  
and humanitarian  
emergencies**

**Access to justice**

**Equal recognition  
before the law**

**Children  
with  
disabilities**

**Freedom from torture  
or cruel, inhuman  
degrading treatment**

**Respect for privacy**

**Women  
with  
disabilities**

**Freedom from  
exploitation, violence  
and abuse**

*MDGs goals*

**Promote gender equality and empower women**

**Achieve universal primary education**

**Reduce child mortality**

**Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger**

**Improve maternal health**

**Ensure environmental sustainability**



**Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases**

**Develop a global partnership for development**

# Commonality

- Promote well-being and freedom, based on the inherent dignity and equality of people.

***BMF, B+5  
strategies***

**Reinforcing a rights-based approach to disability issues**

**Promoting an enabling environment and strengthening effective mechanisms for policy formulation and implementation**

**Strengthening comprehensive community-based approaches to disability issues**



**7 Priority areas**

**Improving the availability and quality of data and other information on disabilities**

**Collaboration within the UN system, with the private sector, media, local government**

**Subregional, inter-regional collaboration**

**Promoting disability-inclusive development**



*Convention*  
*Substantive*  
*articles*

**Awareness  
raising**

**International  
Cooperation**

**Statistics and  
data collection**

**Children  
with  
disabilities**

**Women  
with  
disabilities**

# *Biwako, MDGs and CRPD*

## *-Major stakeholders*

	BMF B+5	Convention	MDG
Major stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Disability focal point of Gov. in the region.</li> <li>-DPOs, NGOS,</li> <li>-Development organizations.</li> <li>-UN ( ESCAP, ILO, UNESCO..etc.,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Gov. that ratified the Convention.</li> <li>-Focal points of the Convention.</li> <li>-Independent mechanism.</li> <li>-Human rights commission.</li> <li>-Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.</li> <li>-Development organizations. DPOs.</li> <li>-UN (OHCHR, DESA, RC,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-MDG focal point of Gov. in the world.</li> <li>-NGOS,</li> <li>-Development organizations</li> <li>-UN (UNDP,MDG campaign office, regional commissions etc.,)</li> </ul>

# *Monitoring mechanism*

	BMF B+5	Convention	MDG
Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>–Decade end monitoring of the target implementation ( based on survey and reporting ).</li> <li>–Collection of good practices.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>–National monitoring ( focal point, independent commission).</li> <li>–Global monitoring</li> <li>–( Committee procedures, individual communications).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>–National, subregional, regional and international report.</li> <li>–Designation of on –track, off track countries.</li> </ul>

Now What?



# *UN recent work on disability*

- Inter-Agency Support Group (IASG) on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
  - FAO, ILO, OHCHR, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UN SECRETARIAT (escap is under this), WHO.

# *UN recent work on disability*

- GA resolution 62/127 Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for Persons with Disabilities.
  - MDGs inclusion of disability perspectives.

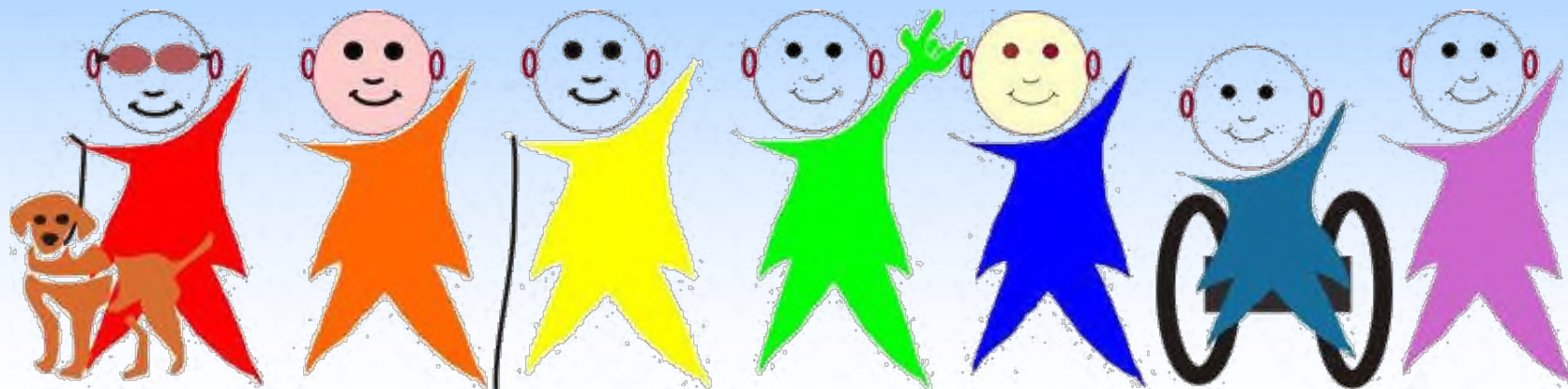
# *UN recent work on disability*

- Inter-Agency Support Group (IASG) on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
  - Strategy & action plan expected from each agency (Article 32 and 38).
  - Inclusive country programme guidelines are expected.
  - Capacity-building.
  - Knowledge management ( data collection, research).
  - Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

# *UN recent work on disability*

- Disability MDG indicator establishment by the end of 2008.
- ESCAP- 20 years on disability work!!
  - Focus in 2008-2009 ( CRPD, accessibility/accessible tourism, Central Asia).
  - CRPD-commemorative event, anti-discrimination paper, capacity-building workshops.





**Thank you**

<http://unescap.org/esid/psis/disability/index.asp>

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