ADDRESSING THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON PERSONS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES

1. BETTER INFORMATION
   - Provide trainings for persons with disabilities on issues related to sustainability and climate change.
   - Ensure access to information about climate change in formats accessible to persons with disabilities.
   - Develop specific guidance for disability-inclusive stakeholder participation to climate change-related events.

2. INCLUSIVE PLANNING
   - Promote a disability-inclusive design and implementation of humanitarian, migration and disaster risk reduction plans.
   - For instance, disability-specific assistive devices should be part of distributed relief aid.
   - Adequate emergency transportations and special services should also be part of these plans.

3. IMPROVED ACCESS
   - Ensure the accessibility of meeting venues, schools and workplaces.
   - Facilitate the participation of representative organizations.
   - Do not forget to have adequate communication devices and interpretation services available at meeting venues.

4. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
   - Promote equal access to education and opportunities in the labour market.
   - Fight against discriminatory practices and attitudes in the education and employment sector.
   - Engage with ministries for social and/or human rights affairs, or their equivalent, when designing climate change policies.

5. DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS
   - Develop, collect and monitor disability-specific disaggregated indicators, focusing on age, gender and ethnicity.
   - Report on the implementation of disability-inclusive policies throughout project cycles.
   - Identify priority areas of action enhancing access to benefits.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Emphasize the need to respect the rights of persons with disabilities as part and parcel of effective climate action at the Human Rights Council, under the UNFCCC and at other relevant forums.

Secure the meaningful and effective participation of persons with disabilities in climate change mitigation and adaptation at all levels and ensure that their inputs are taken into due consideration in all outputs.

Let’s build a climate response that leaves no one behind!

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