



# Pakistan Disabled Peoples International (PDPI)

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## Immediate Release

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## “Highlighting the importance UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Goal 1 – Poverty Elevation and Goal 3- Health, inclusion of Persons with disabilities and the celebration of 3<sup>rd</sup> December- The international Day of Persons with disabilities”

Estanara group with the collaboration of PDPI is gathered here to highlight the importance of Sustainable Development Goals, specifically goal 1 (Poverty) and goal 3 (health) with suggestions to the Government and Higher authorities for the inclusion of persons with disabilities for their policies in the light of SDGs.

**Estanara Group** is an inclusive group (Persons with Disabilities ‘PWDs’ & Non PWDs) in Pakistan. We are a group of think-tank, Disabled People’s Organization “DPO”, Estanara Institute, e-newsletter and a Magazine Team. Our aim is to create awareness among parents, teachers, staff of hospitals, clinics and general public regarding rehabilitation & empowerment of people with disabilities (PWDs). We are holding this press conference today with the collaboration PDPI- Pakistan Disabled People’s International.

An ambitious long-term Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), comprising 17 goals with 169 targets scheduled to be launched in 2016, will succeed the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which meets its deadline in 2015. The new blue-print of goals considers all dimension, economic, social and environmental, to improve lives of people and to protect the planet for future generations. This plan has been prepared by an ‘Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals’ set up by the General Assembly.

In regards to the environment, they will aim to make human settlements safer and ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns. SDGs’ Goal-1 seeks to eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere by 2030, currently measured as people living on less than \$1.25 a day. Also by 2030, the goal seeks to reduce at least by half the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions.

Goal-3 will ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages, and by 2030 reduce the global maternal mortality ratio to less than 70 per 100,000 births and end preventable deaths of new-born and under-5 children.

We would like to suggest the Government, Higher authorities and policy makers to consider persons with disabilities as a part of our society and include them in the above mentioned goals while constructing their strategies. This will provide PWD a chance to contribute for the development of Pakistan equally and will help to make Pakistan an equal opportunity country.

Estanara group is continuously putting forward their efforts to highlight such issues, specifically for the lives of persons of disabilities through seminars, awareness walks and conferences. Recently we also held a press conference of Electoral rights of PWDs and we also have a history of holding conferences to “End Polio in Pakistan” and to suggest the higher authorities that how they can bring up effective change in the society through the implementation of UNCRPD.

We are celebrating the International Day of persons with disabilities on Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as **Polio Free Pakistan** and will organize a special marathon of wheelchair, tricycle, hearing and visually impaired race along with a musical concert.

Thank you for your time and we really need your support to highlight our plight and challenges and do hope you will provide proper coverage and get our issues and concern to the public and decision making authorities.

Thank you

