Terms of Reference

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**Regional Coordinator (Asia)**

**Indigenous Persons with Disabilities Global Network**

1. **Organizational Context**

The Indigenous Persons with Disabilities Global Network (IPWDGN) is a network of indigenous persons with disabilities from various regions of the world. The IPWDGN was founded in May 2013 in order to promote the rights of indigenous persons with disabilities, reach out to new communities and engage with international and regional human rights and development processes. The IPWDGN is guided by the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD) and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN DRIP).

1. **Regional Coordinator (Asia) Description**

Duration: 16 May – 16 December 2016

Location: Asia, with travel

Salary: Commensurate with experience

1. **Objective**

The Regional Coordinator (Asia) will assist in the growth and work of the Network in Asia, in particular through follow-up of the first and second Asia Regional Workshops on the rights of indigenous persons with disabilities. The Regional Coordinator will also support global activities of the Network.

1. **Scope of Work**

The Regional Coordinator (Asia) will be responsible for undertaking the following activities:

1. **Capacity Building of the Network**
* Support follow up from the IPWDGN Asia regional workshops in Bangkok, (June 2015 and March 2016)
* Continue the network-building established by Asia Network representatives during the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact in Myanmar (March 2016)
* Identify and contact potential new members in the Asia-Pacific Region to develop and grow the network
* Identify and contact mainstream organizations of persons with disabilities in the Asia region to develop and grow the network
1. **Advocacy**
* Identify and support the engagement of IPWDGN Asia chapter members in UN regional and global processes relevant to the rights of indigenous persons with disabilities (UN ESCAP, CRPD Committee Review, Universal Periodic Review)
* Support the planning and participation of the Indigenous Persons with Disabilities Global Network as well as the members of the Asia Chapter in relevant global and regional events, which may include: the World Humanitarian Summit (Turkey, May 2016); the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (New York, May 2016); the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Geneva, July 2016); and the Human Rights Council Social Forum (Geneva, October 2016). Where relevant, participation of the Regional Coordinator in one or more of these events may be required.
* Support the planning and participation of the Indigenous Persons with Disabilities Global Network and Asia Chapter members in the ninth Conference of States Parties to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in New York in June 2016, as well as the organization of a side event on the rights of indigenous persons with disabilities
1. **Operations Support, Planning and Reporting**
	* Under the direction of the IPWDGN Steering Committee and liaising with the Regional Coordinator (Latin America) and relevant IDA Secretariat staff, support the participation of Network members in regional and global events, including by identifying alternative sources of funding
	* Under the mandate of the IPWDGN Steering Committee, develop a one-year strategic plan for the IPWDGN Asia Chapter
	* Support the planning of the Network for activities outlined in the current grant
	* With the support of the IDA Secretariat, provide reports on activities for the Disability Rights Advocacy Fund
2. **Reporting and Working Relationships**

The Regional Coordinator (Asia) will report to the IPWDGN Steering Committee and will coordinate with the IDA Secretariat to advance the activities outlined above.

1. **Preferred Requirements and Qualifications**
* Fluency in English and good writing skills
* Strong attention to detail
* Background/familiarity with the rights of persons with disabilities and rights of indigenous peoples, the UN CRPD and UN system preferred
* Knowledge of Asia indigenous peoples organizations and organizations of persons with disabilities
* Good networking and communication skills
* Ability to work with people from a variety of backgrounds and experiences