



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

**CCD International Task Force
Annual Report for 2015**

2015 ACTIVITIES

Over 2015, the International Task Force engaged with international disability and human rights advocates to advance the awareness and inclusion of international perspectives in all areas of disability rights. Activities included:

- a disability and human rights community meeting in January to review and reflect on CRPD advocacy,
- a meeting in February with Kalle Konkkola from Finland,
- an International Disability, Human Rights, and Policy Forum in April,
- a meeting in May with Judy Heumann,
- participation in the UPR Town Hall Meeting in July,

as well as a range of discussions on issues including the Marrakesh Treaty, immigration, and the need for permanent disability advisor positions at the Department of State and in USAID to coordinate U.S. foreign engagement on disability issues.

PROPOSED CHANGE

The current CCD International Task Force co-chairs recommend changing the status of the CCD International Task Force to “ad-hoc” for 2016. This recommendation is based upon a projected decrease in the number of task force co-chairs.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- Organize a “disability roundtable discussion” with one or more embassies in 2017.
- Continue to monitor and support legislation promoting equality, opportunity, and quality of life for people with disabilities around the world.
- Work with other CCD task forces to share and promote an international perspective in all disability policy and advocacy activities.

CO-CHAIRS IN 2015:

Esmé Grant – American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR)

David Hutt – National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)

David Morrissey – United States International Council on Disability (USICD)

Rebecca Sheffield - Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs (ATAP)