

Our Vision

>> All people with impairments or health concerns, shall be allowed to live in an inclusive world and enjoy full human rights. <<

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Rehabilitation International



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Our Mission

>> RI is a global network of important multiple stakeholders committed to promoting the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities through advocacy, habilitation & rehabilitation to achieve an inclusive world where all people can enjoy active participation and full human rights. <<

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RI Brochure



Who We Are

Founded in 1922, Rehabilitation International (RI) is the only worldwide network of people with disabilities, service providers, government agencies, academics, researchers and advocates working to improve the quality of life of people with disabilities.

With member organizations in 100 countries and in all regions of the world, RI provides a forum for the exchange of experience and information on research and practice.



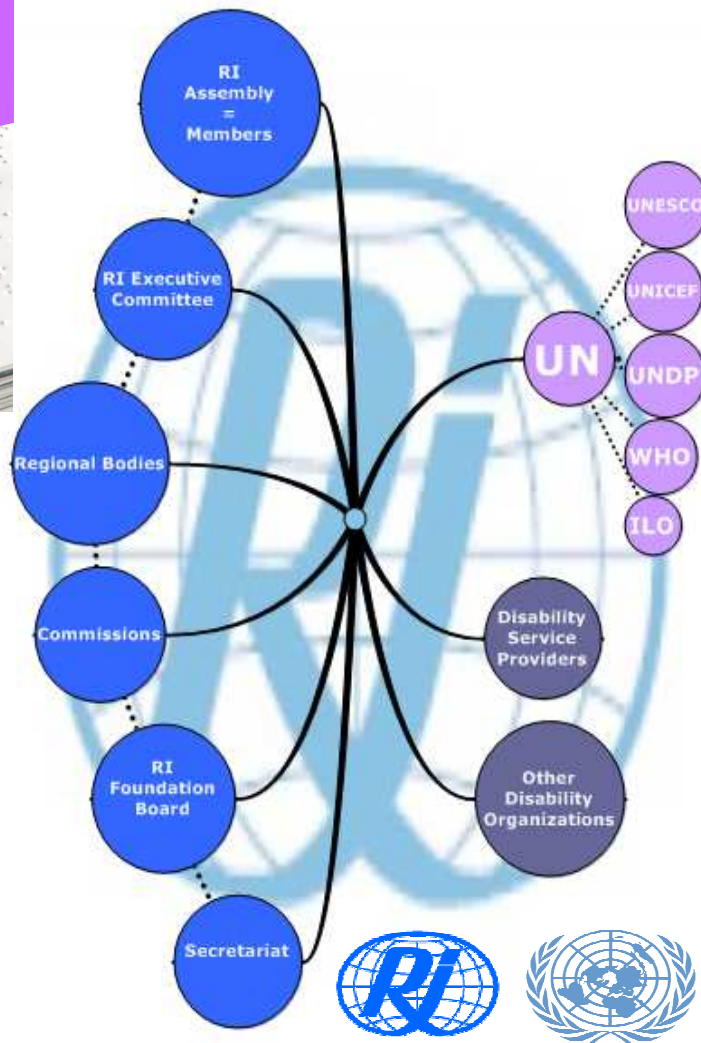
It takes pride in being the organization that developed the International Symbol of Access in 1969, said to be one of the five most recognized signs in the world today.

What We Do

RI and its members work to protect the rights of people with disabilities, including ensuring access to and the improvement of crucial services for persons with disabilities and their families. RI also promotes collaboration among stakeholders and advocates for strong policies and legislation in the international, regional and national levels to promote these rights.

RI maintains official relations with the United Nations (UN) and its agencies and institutions such as the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Labor Organization (ILO), UNDP, UNESCO and UNICEF among others, as well as regional bodies, service providers and universities.

RI also partners with other civil society groups, organizations of persons with disabilities and others who share similar or the same vision.



RI and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

RI played an integral part in advocating for a comprehensive UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. It actively participated in the elaboration and other processes that led to the adoption of the UN-CRPD and its Optional Protocol. RI is now focused on encouraging states to sign, ratify and implement the Convention without reservation – translating the laws into practices on the ground that bring about meaningful changes in the life of persons with disabilities. To learn more about RI and the Convention, visit our Website: www.riglobal.org



How We Work

RI is a democratic organization governed by an Assembly – representing its member organizations – and by an Executive Committee elected by the Assembly. Policies and activities approved by the Assembly are carried out by the Secretariat, headed by the Secretary General. The Assembly meets once a year to discuss the general policies of the organization.

RI holds quadrennial World Congresses, Regional Conferences and international meetings on disability-related topics across the globe. RI is a matrix organization, and promotes global actions through its regional committees which are represented by RI's Vice Presidents and Deputy Vice Presidents in the following regions: Africa, Arab, Asia Pacific, Europe, Latin America and North America. RI also maintains commissions of specialists and experts on issues in disability. Represented by the RI Chairs and Vice Chairs, the commissions are thematic working groups which assist in developing and expanding program activities in accordance with RI's strategic goals. RI Commissions include: Education Commission, Health and Function Commission, International Commission on Technology and Accessibility (ICTA), Leisure, Recreation and Physical Activities Commission, Policy and Services Commission, Social Commission and Work and Employment Commission.