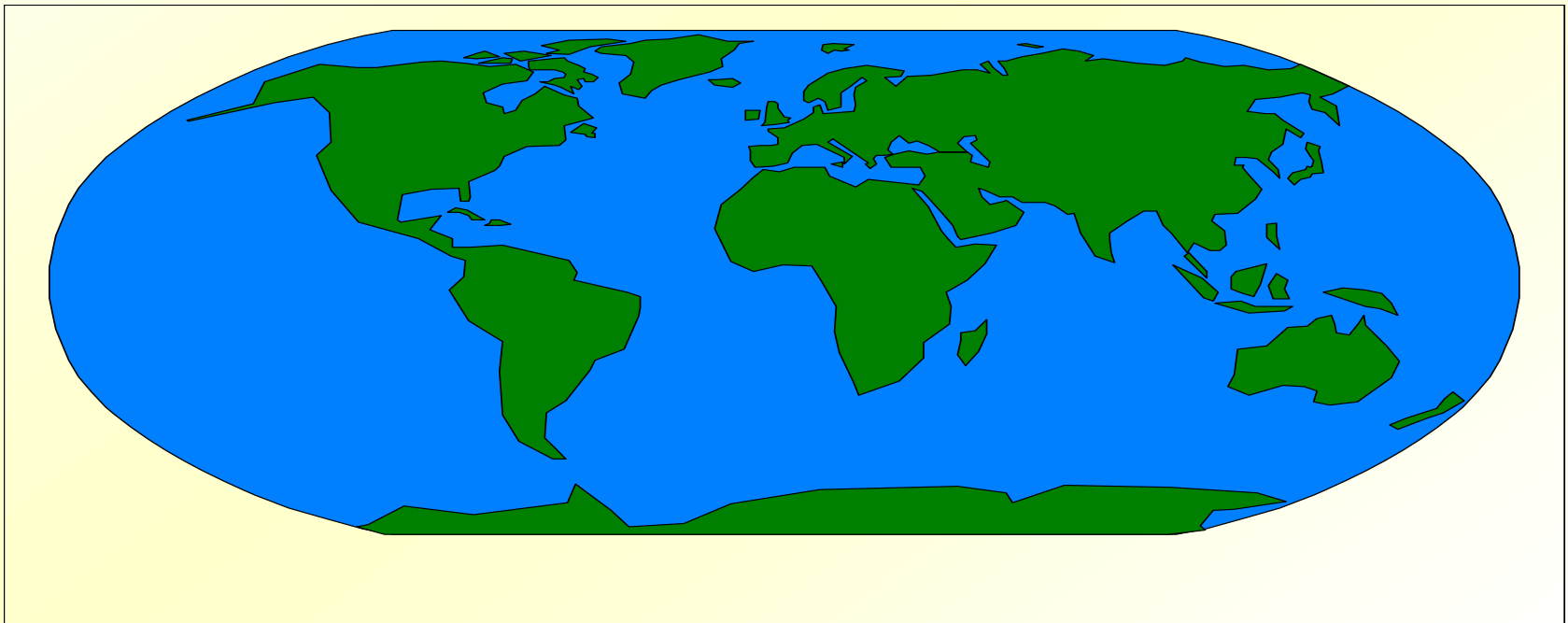
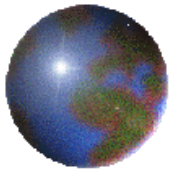


# CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES TRIGGERED BY THE DISABILITY CONVENTION

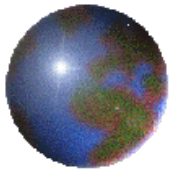




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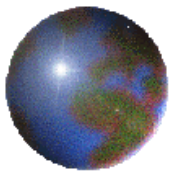
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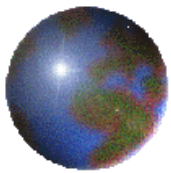
# What is New in the Convention?

- Away from the charity, welfare, protection models to the **Rights Based Model**
- Non-discrimination + **reasonable accommodation**
- **Mainstreaming the issue (Design-for-All)**
- Participation --> right to be involved
- From voluntarism to **legally binding instruments** (once ratified)
- **Reporting obligation** : "name and shame"-power
- **Appeal mechanism** (of the optional protocol)



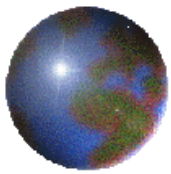
## Implications 1: More Demanding Tasks Ahead

- The role & obligations of the state - as a ultimate guardian of human rights - is highlighted (vs. role of NGOs and charity)
- Human Rights are *indivisible*; disability becomes a **cross-cutting, systemic** issue
- Makes disability not (only) a social protection matter but a broader national **societal policy** and **societal development** matter
- Awareness, **strong push** to put disability on the political agenda (118 signatories)



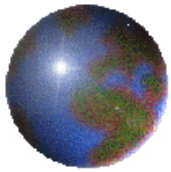
## What is Happening

- Disability matters are being globalized
- New policies and legislation are being prepared
- Active dialogue on multistakeholder platforms
- Donor guidelines on mainstreaming being prepared and good practices disseminated (EU, DfiD, PRSPs, UNDESA etc.)
- The pull factor is already there -demand is rising



## Implications 2: Impact on Donors

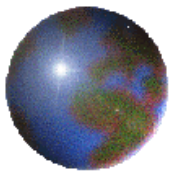
- Obligates public sector donors to comply - proper *quality of aid* in terms of HR (being checked e.g. by public sector auditing exercises)
- Push for more resources, longer commitment and wider partnerships to get *systemic impacts* rather than (only) stand-alone project results
- Focus shifts on transforming institutions and the way they work for/against disabled people



## Case: New Finnish Development (cooperation) policy

### New Government Development Policy 2007:

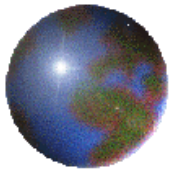
- "eradication of poverty through economically, societally and ecologically sustainable development"
- cross-cutting themes: gender rights, rights of vulnerable groups incl. *people with disabilities*, HIV/AIDS as a health and societal challenge
- development partnerships between public and private sectors



# Finnish 3-track Disability and Development Policy

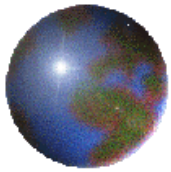
1. **Mainstream** disability in all sectors and accommodate people with disabilities on basis of the equal & universal Human Rights approach
2. **Complement** universal provisions with targeted, additional support and services to equalize access and opportunity
3. **Empower** people with disabilities collectively to help them have a voice (support DPOs)

Label us Able - Evaluation Report (2003) and  
Finnish Government Report on Disability (2006)



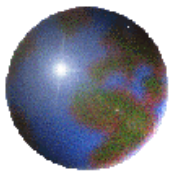
## Conclusions 1: Ride the Tide

- Seize the opportunity of the awareness tide to alert governments on political and economic win-wins
- Get connected with more comprehensive national development strategies that aim at long-term, economically, societally and ecologically sustainable, development
- Build on partnerships e.g. GPDD, PPP, twinning, South-South etc.



## Conclusions 2: Focus Right

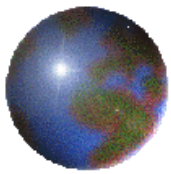
- "From safety nets to springboards" = **empowering social protection interventions**
- Follow a three track agenda to get results: **Mainstream + Target + Empower PWDs themselves**
- Sharpen focus from project results on longer term **systemic impacts** and transformation of societal institutions



# FROM STAND-ALONE DISABILITY PROJECTS TO DEVELOPMENTAL INTERVENTIONS

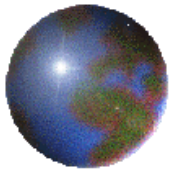


The **beneficiaries and agents of action** of the Ethiopian micro-credit scheme of the CBR -network (CBR= Community Based Rehabilitation)



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