

## Looking back on 2018...

A new coordination team, new board members, and a renewed approach: DCDD has undergone change in 2018. And at the same time DCDD has remained the same: committed to make inclusion work, focusing on lobby and knowledge sharing, building on the expertise of our members. Our lobby with the Ministry and Parliamentarians contributed to more attention for inclusion, a social business case was designed and learning was facilitated within and outside DCDD. A big thank you to all our members and to Lieke and Ieke who have coordinated us so skilfully and enthusiastically!

Gerrit de Vries  
Chairman DCDD

## Ministry of Aid & Trade

### Humanitarian aid

The Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirmed that it will implement the new [IASC guidelines](#) on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Aid from 2019, and that it will monitor inclusion approaches among its humanitarian partners. In addition, Minister Kaag will make extra investments in psychosocial support within humanitarian contexts. DCDD provided input on this new policy direction.

### Data disaggregation

DCDD worked with the Dutch Platform Leave No One Behind (Partos | The Spindle) to promote data disaggregation for inclusive development. Minister Kaag promised to explore together with partners how to enable better monitoring on the principle of 'Leave No One Behind', e.g. by improving partners' project reporting on inclusion.

### First Dutch CRPD report

The Netherlands has submitted its first [country report](#) on the implementation of the UN

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). The Netherlands Institute for Human Rights (NIHR) published their [report on the implementation](#) as well. NIHR states that (p. 24):

*"To ensure disability inclusive development, criteria must be developed for all programmes and monitoring data on disability must be made available."*

DCDD was consulted for input in the development of both reports.

## Parliament

In 2018, DCDD had a positive collaboration with several Members of Parliament, who feel committed to the topic of disability inclusion.



Chris Stoffer visited one of our member organisations in Uganda and promised young people with disabilities that he would represent their voice in the parliamentary committee of Aid & Trade.



Anne Kuik received SDG 5 and 16 in accessible format (braille and sign) and participated in a panel discussion on Leave No One Behind, together with Isabelle Diks. Also Kirsten van den Hul, Achraf Bouali, Joël Voordewind, Sadet Karabulut and Mahir Alkaya extended their support by addressing the issue of inclusion in debates with Minister Kaag.

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## Linking & Learning

**A Business Case for Disability Inclusive Development**  
DCDD launched a [‘social business case’](#) for a disability inclusive society, in which evidence is presented for the social and economic impact of disability inclusion. In November we organised a knowledge session, facilitated by Annet Lukkien (author), to gather inputs from members and other interested stakeholders. On World Disability Day, we used this case to call on governments, businesses and NGOs to ramp-up their investment in disability inclusion.



## AIDS 2018 Conference

Together with IDDC, DCDD co-organized the “Disability Networking Zone” at the [AIDS 2018 Conference](#). The zone was opened by Lambert Grijns, SRHR & AIDS Ambassador of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He shared the Dutch Ministry’s view on the need for inclusive AIDS interventions. He also received SDG 3 in accessible format (braille and sign). See video [here](#).



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## Together for equal opportunities!

Together with Building Change, we co-organized the [SDG-event](#) “Together for equal opportunities!”. At this event, various inclusion experts and representatives on gender, disability, children & youth, and LGBTQI came together, and developed recommendations for politicians, policy-makers and NGOs on how to ensure inclusive policies. Ambrose Murangira, disability inclusion advisor and deaf activist from Uganda, was there to share his inspiring views.



## Trickle Up

Partos the Spindle’s Platform Leave No One Behind and DCDD started with the development of the concept [‘Trickle Up’](#), a sector-wide initiative to fight inequality and exclusion by empowering the most affected.

## Partnerships

DCDD participated actively in meetings of the Leave No One Behind Platform (Partos The Spindle), International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC) and Breed Mensenrechten Overleg (BMO). Lieke Scheewe, DCDD’s coordinator and policy advisor, was on the jury for the [NOW-US! Inclusion Awards](#) at the Partos innovation festival.

## Members

DCDD happily welcomed two new members in 2018: Annet Lukkien (*Inclusion Matters*) and Ilse van der Put (*Empowerment by Playing*).

DCDD’s role and strategy were redefined after a round of consultation meetings with all members. In November 2018, all members of DCDD came together to discuss DCDD’s strategy and plans for 2019.

## Organisation

Ewoud Poerink was DCDD’s coordinator (0,6 fte) for the first leg of the year. From July 2018, Lieke Scheewe (0,2 fte) and Ieke van Lammeren (0,4 fte) took over the coordination. They continue to be DCDD’s coordinators in 2019.

Two Board members left (Jan van Berkel and Kees van den Broek) and two new members joined (Gerrit de Vries and Steven van Berlekom). Gerrit de Vries became the new Chair. The board and coordinators of DCDD came together 6 times for a board meeting.

## Budget & expenses 2018

### Income

Contribution core members	59.018
Contribution other members	19.124
<b>Total</b>	<b>78.142</b>

### Expenses

Employees	25.129
Events and other expenses	31.497
Bank fees	125
<b>Total</b>	<b>56.751</b>

In 2019, DCDD will use the remaining budget of 2018 for a research that sheds light on the

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implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities within the Dutch development sector.

For a more in-depth overview of the expenses, see DCDD's [Financial Statement of 2018](#).

## Plans for 2019

In 2019 DCDD's focus will be:

- Disability inclusion higher on the political agenda of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Dutch Parliament;
- Sharing knowledge and expertise among member organizations, on themes such as lobby in the South, SRHR and humanitarian aid;
- Creating awareness of the knowledge and tools that are available to make disability inclusion work.

Want to know more about the Annual Plan 2019? Mail us at [dcdd@dcdd.nl](mailto:dcdd@dcdd.nl).

## The faces behind DCDD



Lieke Scheewe (coordinator & policy advisor) on the left, and Ieke van Lammeren (junior lobby & network coordinator) on the right.

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