



Advancing the rights and inclusion of people with disabilities worldwide

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Purpose/Mission

Rehabilitation International's Commission on Education advises on the creation and promotion educational opportunities for children and youth with disabilities. The Commission also facilitates the provision of integrated services and inclusive quality education for the participation of disabled people. The work broadly comprises:

- Fostering the implementation of the UN CRPD with a with special focus on Article 24: Education.
- Advocating for the provision of facilities and services for inclusive education in different regions by Regional Chairpersons of Education Commission.
- Sharing the successful experiences of other countries in inclusive education with a view to replicate the same in respective countries/regions with appropriate modifications.
- Conducting scientific meetings on education related issues at Regional RI Assemblies.
- Initiating and following up on distance and e-learning facilities for youth with disabilities.

Chair: Hashem Taqi

Hashem Taqi is the General Manager of the Kuwait Society for the Handicapped and the first Kuwaiti to assume a key post with RI Global. Taqi, who has been working for the Kuwait Society for the Handicapped for nearly 35 years, previously served as RI Global's Middle East Chair. Established in 1971, the Kuwait Society for the Handicapped offers various free services, such as medical care, rehabilitation and education to persons with disabilities. The Society started with the caring for 30 children with disabilities and now owns a modern purposed designed centre for 250 multiply disabled children, as well as day care centers in Hawally, Jahra and Ahmadi.