



Advancing the rights and inclusion of people with disabilities worldwide

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**RI Global: Office of the Commission on Health and Functionality**

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## **FACT SHEET: COMMISSION ON HEALTH AND FUNCTIONALITY**

### **Purpose/Mission:**

RI Global's Commission on Health and Functionality promotes the well-being of persons with disabilities, supports the prevention of disability and strengthens gender sensitive rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities. The Commission, through its regular work and meetings around the world, has a mission to:

- Work closely on health issues with the WHO and other UN agencies, as well as other international or national organizations as they pertain to disability.
- Provide technical support in health/rehab/assistive technology programmes for persons with disabilities toward their inclusion.
- Enable training programmes for medical and paramedical professionals for the welfare of persons with disabilities.
- Encourage community-based Rehabilitation principles through a primary health care approach.
- Hold technical meetings and general conferences on health related issues in disability.
- Advocate principles of barrier free/right-based inclusive societies for persons with disabilities and promote global disability leadership.

### **Chair: Dr. Mohammad Azman**

Mohammed Azman is currently the Chief Executive Officer for the Social Security Organisation (SOCISO) of Malaysia. Dr. Azman joined the SOCISO in 2001 as the organization's first medical doctor. During his tenure, he has made many changes to improve SOCISO's involvement in occupational medicine and disability assessments, including the introduction of Occupational Health Training for general physicians. In 2004, he spearheaded the publishing of Malaysia's First Disability Assessment Guideline; under his committed leadership, SOCISO's Return to Work and Disability Prevention programmes were awarded the International Social Security Association Good Practice Award for Asia and Pacific. Dr. Azman is also active in various organizations, including the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland – Malaysian Committee, and has presented more than 200 papers on health and disability at conferences around the world.