



Advancing the rights and inclusion of people with disabilities worldwide

RI Global: Office of the Commission on Work and Employment

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FACT SHEET: COMMISSION ON WORK AND EMPLOYMENT

Purpose/Mission

RI Global's Commission on Work and Employment promotes the rights of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) to participate in labour, trade unions and other integrated settings, thereby empowering them to be productive members of society. The Commission carries out its mission by actively:

- Implementing Article 27 of United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in collaboration with public and private entities, NGOs and trade unions.
- Developing an online Resource Network of Experts for dissemination of information.
- Conducting scientific meetings in collaboration with GLADNET, ILO, WHO and other international organizations.
- Fostering employment for PwDs in developing countries.
- Removing all employment barriers by providing education and training.
- Providing technical assistance in developing academic and professional opportunities for rehabilitation and placement personnel in local colleges and universities.
- Offering technical assistance to member nations in collaborative research projects designed to identify evidence-based practices capable of enhancing employment outcomes and quality of life for PwDs.
- Sponsors the International Abilympics, a competition in which PwDs compete in a wide spectrum of work skill activities, which lend support to PwD employment policies.

Chair: Dr. Mandan Kundu

Mandan Kundu has spent more than 40 years in domestic and international rehabilitation, including the last 24 years assisting the development and growth of the graduate program in Rehabilitation Counseling at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Dr. Kundu is the project director of the NIDRR-funded Rehabilitation Research Institute for Underrepresented Populations (RRIUP) and the Project Director of the MIND Alliance Project for Students with Disabilities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics funded by the National Science Foundation. Dr. Kundu has authored more than 35 publications and about 150 presentations at the state, regional, national, and international levels. Dr. Kundu received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Rehabilitation Counseling from Michigan State University. He is a Licensed Rehabilitation Counselor (LRC), and a Fellow of the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association (FRNCA).