Civil Society Network (United Nations) <http://www.un.org/ecosoc/csonet>

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) launched a knowledge-based, open networking platform called *CSO Net - the Civil Society Network*. This network facilitates interaction among civil society groups worldwide, Member States and UN system agencies.

Development and Poverty Reduction Resources for Grassroots Advocates<http://disabilityrightsfund.org/resources-crpdttools.html#grass_poverty>

This sub-page within the Disability Rights Fund website points readers to a range of resources on international development and poverty reduction targeted at grassroots advocates.

Disability and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)<http://www.includeeverybody.org/>

This resource from the International Disability and Development Consortium conveys how the MDGs are an important set of goals agreed upon by key leaders and heads of state from around the world. These include reducing poverty and hunger rates by half; putting all children in primary school; reducing child and maternal mortality; and fighting AIDS, malaria, and other diseases. None of these goals can be met without the inclusion of people with disabilities, and all have enormous implications for them—yet, people with disabilities are not mentioned in any of the MDGs. This website shares more information about the MDGs and how each of them relates closely to disability issues.

Disability Knowledge and Research (KaR) Programme website<http://www.disabilitykar.net/>

Provides reports and publications related to people with disabilities and poverty in developing countries, based on research conducted by the Disability Knowledge and Research (KaR) Programme. Includes research on topics such as education; conflict situations; poverty; policy and legislation; education; sexuality.

Disability Rights Promotion International (DRPI) <http://www.yorku.ca/drpi/>
DRPI is a collaborative project working to establish a monitoring system to address disability discrimination globally. Their website offers materials that can help readers learn how the UN Human Rights system works, and links to resources and publications on DRPI initiatives and other disability rights initiatives generally.

Disability Section of Website for Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/disability/>

This web site links to various human rights treaties that touch upon disability issues. Also leads to information about various committees that monitor how well human rights are implemented and what is being done to ensure that disability issues are integrated into OHCHR activities.

Disabled Peoples’ International (DPI) <http://www.dpi.org/>

DPI is a network of national organizations or assemblies that promote the human rights of people with disabilities and promote their economic and social integration. Has a collection of on-line publications, articles, and reports related to people with disabilities around the world.

Global Partnership on Disability and Development (GPDD)<http://www.gpdd-online.org/>

The GPDD was formed to increase collaboration among development agencies and organizations to reduce poverty among people with disabilities in developing countries.

Handicap International <http://www.handicap-international.us/>

Handicap International supports the efforts of people with disabilities in becoming more self-reliant. They have set up programs in about 60 countries, intervening in emergency situations, and have a national office in eight countries, including the United States.

Human Rights Watch <http://www.hrw.org/>

Dedicated to protecting human rights around the world, the Human Rights Watch investigates claims of human rights abuses, exposes them to the world, and helps hold abusers accountable. For content on people with disabilities in the US, try a key word search for “disabilities US” or similar phrases.

International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights<http://www.interights.org/>
Promotes respect for human rights through the use of law; provides legal expertise to lawyers, judges, and human rights defenders. Includes a strategic litigation focus on disability as one part of their work. Their website offers a legal resource library and a database of international laws.

International Disability Alliance (IDA) <http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/>


International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC) <http://www.iddcconsortium.net/joomla/>

IDDC promotes the rights of people with disabilities through collaboration and the exchange of information. Has links to publications on a range of topics related to disability and development and key topics such as HIV/AIDS. Click on “disability and development topics.”

International Disability Education Alliance Network (IDEAnet) <http://www.ideanet.org/content.cfm?id=5B&newCommunity&CFID=588020&CFTOKEN=EN=40408734>

Facilitates the exchange of knowledge and information among individuals and organizations working on disability issues, including human rights.

List of International Disability Links <http://disabilityrightsfund.org/resources-list.html>

This section of the Disability Rights Fund website lists links to international and regional disability-oriented organizations and websites around the world of interest to disability advocates.

Making It Work (MIW) Initiative <http://www.makingitwork-crdp.org/>

The purpose of Handicap International’s Making It Work Initiative is to inspire practitioners, policy makers and advocates in their effective implementation of the CRPD by collecting and exchanging examples of *good practices* and advocating for *good policies* that are in line with the CRPD.
Mobility International USA (MIUSA) International Development and Disability program <http://www.miusa.org/idd>

MIUSA’s International Development and Disability program acts as a bridge between the disability community and international development community to promote the inclusion of people with disabilities as leaders and participants in development.

Mobility International USA Free Resources<http://www.miusa.org/publications>

Mobility International lists links to various free resources that can help mainstream international development agencies become more inclusive of people with disabilities in their programs and activities.


Handicap International offers suggestions on how national Poverty Reduction Strategies can include people with disabilities. Also provides background information, links, resources, and tools on issues relevant to Poverty Reduction Strategies; disability and project and process management; and advocacy and lobbying.

Rehabilitation International <http://riglobal.org/>

Rehabilitation International is a global network of people with disabilities, service providers, researchers, government agencies, and advocates who promote and implement the rights, inclusion, and rehabilitation of people with disabilities. Has more than 700 member organizations in nearly 100 countries.


The official website on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). Link to the full text of the Convention and Optional Protocol in multiple languages; find out whether your country has signed or ratified the CRPD and Optional Protocol; or learn about disability throughout the UN system.


The World Bank offers an extensive list of links to mainstream organizations in the international development community. Many of these organizations include a focus on disability as one part of their activities. The list includes multi-lateral donors (development banks); bi-lateral donors (government agencies devoted to development);
foundations; bibliographic sources; and more.


This webpage provides access to the World Bank's disability-specific knowledge products and initiatives.

World Institute on Disability (WID) <http://www.wid.org/>

Founded by leaders in the independent living movement, WID works to strengthen the disability movement through research, training, advocacy and public education. Has some publications and other web content on international development.

Amnesty International <http://www.amnesty.org/>

Amnesty International works to defend human rights around the world. Offers an extensive library of documents related to human rights, including many of its own reports on the status of human rights in many different countries. Includes some information related to people with disabilities; try relevant key-word searches such as “disabilities”; “deaf”; etc.


The Chicago Community Trust has produced a guide to ADA compliance and disability for non-profits.

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Mental Disabilities Rights International (MDRI) <http://www.mdri.org/>

MDRI promotes the human rights and full participation in society of people with mental disabilities worldwide, and publishes reports that document human rights abuses against people with intellectual disabilities and psycho-social disabilities.