

ALLIANCE FOR RIGHTS

– AFRICA TOWARDS DISABILITY INCLUSION (ARADI)





The ARADI Project

The ARADI (Alliance for Rights – Africa towards Disability Inclusion) is a continental disability oriented strategy that is aimed to support CSOs participation and contribution to the African continental decision, policy making and standard setting. This project is funded by the European Union and CBM to enable 13 Pan-African Disability Federations (PADFs) and 14 Youth CSO to promote the importance of Disability Rights using AU’s Africa Disability Protocol (ADP) and the Model Disability Law (MDL). Edycs Epilepsy Group is a national non-governmental organisation working to support persons with epilepsy in the Republic of Mauritius and its Outer Islands. Edycs Epilepsy Group is a sub-grantee of the ARADI project. The project started in November 2017 and is managed by a Project Implementation Committee comprising of Mr. Youssouf Noormamode, President Edycs Epilepsy Group, Mr. Paramasiva Chengan, Deputy President, Mr. Joyvani Rose, Assistant to Finance and Mr. Nabeel Heeraman, Programme Officer.

Situation of Persons with Disabilities in Africa

According to UN statistics, there are currently over 600 million persons with disabilities throughout the world of whom 400 million live in developing countries and 80 million in Africa. A World Health Organization source maintains that about forty percent of Africa’s population consists of people with disabilities, including 10-15 percent of school-age children. This percentage would translate into about 300 million people with disabilities

in Africa. Disability is caused by many factors, including malnutrition and disease, environmental hazards, traffic and industrial accidents, and civil conflict and war, and the number of people with disabilities continues to increase.

The vast majority of Africans with disabilities are excluded from schools and opportunities for work, virtually guaranteeing that they live as the poorest of the poor. School enrolment for the disabled is estimated at no more than 5-10 percent and as many as 70-80 percent of working age people with disabilities are unemployed. The social stigma associated with disability results in marginalization and isolation, often leading to begging as the sole means of survival.

Situation of Persons with Disabilities in the Republic of Mauritius

The topic on disability at the national level in Mauritius has been investigated for the first time in the 1990 Housing and Population Census. Since then the topic has been covered at ensuing censuses (2000 and 2011). The questions relative to disability were included in the census following the recommendations of the United Nations Statistics Division.

A person was counted as a disabled person if he/she had any difficulty in performing a daily-life activity considered normal for his/her age. According to the 2011 Population Census there are nearly 60,000 persons with disabilities in the Republic of Mauritius.

According to the same report, Mauritius has a disability prevalence rate of 4,8% and Rodrigues has a prevalence rate of 5.2%. Women have a higher prevalence rate (4,9%) as compared to men (4,7%).

The Ministry of Social Security and National Solidarity and Reform Institutions has a database of more than 27,000 PWD that are recipients of the Basic Invalidity Pension. Nevertheless this database includes both disabilities (such as mental/intellectual deficiency) and medical conditions (such as abdominal pain and jaundice).

Edycs ARADI Project Implementation Team

Period November 2017 to November 2018

• Youssouf Noormamode, CSK	President
• Paramasiva Chengan	Deputy President
• Joyvani Rose	Assistant to Finance
• Joel Violette (November 2017 – April 2018)	Programme Officer
• Nabeel Heeraman (June 2018 – November 2018)	Programme Officer
• Nusayhah Hosseenee	ARADI Executive Secretary
• Ziyaad Baboorally (November 2017 – April 2018)	Facilitator
• Areeed Elaheebocus (As from June 2018)	Facilitator
• Patrice Catian	External Auditor



Key Activity	Collaborators	Target Group	Date	Venue	No. of Participants
Training Advocacy Workshops	<p>OFFICIAL LAUNCHING OF THE ARADI PROJECT</p> <p>Honourable Mrs. Roubina Jadoo, Parliamentary Private Secretary</p> <p>Mr. Paramasiva Chengan, Chairman of the MACOSS (Mauritius Council of Social Services) – Umbrella Organisation for all NGOs in Mauritius</p> <p>ADA Representatives–Mr. Thamsanqa Ncube, Director of Finance & Operations, Ms. Aida Sarr, Director Communication & Public Relations and Mr. Mwewa Lufungolu, Grant Accountant</p> <p>Mr. Madev Balloo, Project Manager European Union</p> <p>Representatives from Ministries and Para-statal Bodies</p>	DPOs, NGOs, International Agencies, Media	27-Sep-17	Le Saint Georges Hotel	50
	<p>THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA IN SUPPORTING HUMAN RIGHTS/ PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES</p> <p>The Press Reporters</p>	Journalists	27-Sep-17	Le Saint Georges Hotel	6
	<p>PROMOTING THE ADP AND THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES</p> <p>Mrs. Rosemary Elizabeth W. Anodin, Human Rights Division, National Human Rights Commission</p>	Persons with Disabilities	2-Dec-17	Edycs Epilepsy Health Service Centre	46
	<p>PROMOTING THE ADP AND ARTICLES RELATED TO WOMEN AND CHILDREN - ARTICLES 4, 10, 11, 21, 22, 23, 24 & 25</p> <p>Honourable Mrs. Fazila Jeewa-Daureeawoo, Vice Prime Minister,</p> <p>Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare</p> <p>Mrs. S. Hulman, Acting Principal Officer – Disability Empowerment Unit, Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions</p> <p>Ms. Shenaz Soobah, Field Officer, National Women Council</p>	Women Associations/Federations and NGOs/DPOs	7-Dec-17	Le Saint Georges Hotel	56
	<p>PROMOTING THE ADP AND ARTICLE RELATED TO EDUCATION - ARTICLES 4, 10, 11 & 12</p> <p>Mr. K NG Wong Hing, Director of Planning and Budgeting – SENS Unit and Dr. Neeshti Reetoo, Director Health and Wellness, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research</p> <p>Mr. S. Ramdhayan, Head of Disability Empowerment Unit, Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment and Sustainable Development</p>	SENS Schools, DPOs	6-Feb-18	Le Saint Georges Hotel	55



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Training Advocacy Workshops	<p>PROMOTING THE ADP AND ARTICLES RELATED TO YOUTH AND SPORTS - ARTICLES 4, 10, 11, 20 & 24</p> <p>Mr. Mike Bosquet, National Youth Council of the Ministry of Youth and Sports</p>	Youth Organisations/Federations, Regional Youth Councils	24-Feb-18	Le Saint Georges Hotel	44
	<p>PROMOTING THE ADP AND ARTICLE RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT - ARTICLES 3, 4, 8, 10, 11 & 15</p> <p>Mr. P Dursun, Chief Operating Officer, Business Mauritius and Ms. Bashika Dookeesing, SME Mauritius</p>	Corporate Institutions, Small Medium Enterprises and Business	7-Mar-18	Le Saint Georges Hotel	32
	<p>MULTI-STAKEHOLDERS SEMINAR - RODRIGUES ISLAND</p> <p>ADA Representatives - Ms. Mpho Ndebele, Director Programme and International Relations and Mr. Thamsanqa N. Ncube, Director of Finance and Operations</p> <p>Rodrigues Regional Assembly (RRA) - Mr. Serge Claire, Chief Commissioner and Commissioner for Education, Mr. S. Roussety RRA Commissioner for Health, Mrs. Nicolas, Head of Department, RRA Commission for Youth and Sports</p> <p>Mr. Basheer Deenmahomed, Responsible of the CSR Mauritius Telecom Foundation Rodrigues</p>	Rodrigues Regional Assembly (RRA), Private Companies, DPOs, Primary and Secondary Schools, SEN Schools, Persons with Disabilities	20 March 2018	Mon Plaisir Leisure Theatre, Rodrigues Island	131
	<p>MULTI-STAKEHOLDERS WORKSHOP</p> <p>His Excellency, P Vyapoory, Ag. President of the Republic of Mauritius</p> <p>Honourable Ravi Rutna, Deputy Government Chief Whip of the National Assembly of Mauritius</p> <p>Mr. Coomara Pyaneandee, Barrister-At-Law, Vice-Chairman UNCRPD and United Nations Expert</p> <p>ADA Delegate - Ms. Mpho Ndebele, Director Programme and International Relations</p> <p>CBM Delegate - Mrs. Nomvuya Mabusela, Capacity Development Officer</p>	DPOs/NGOs, International Agencies, International Funding Agency/ Youth Organisations, Ministries, Para-statal Bodies, Corporates, Justice Department, Universities, United Nation Experts and Barrister-at-Law	12 April 2018	Le Chamarel Conference Room, Le Meridien Hotel	52
	<p>SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL WORKSHOP</p> <p>Honourable Mr. Mahendranuth Sharma Hurreeram, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly</p> <p>Honourable Ravi Rutnah, Government Deputy Chief Whip</p> <p>His Excellency Commissioner YKJ Yeung Sik Yuen</p> <p>African Union Representative - Mr. Lefhoko Kesamang</p> <p>ADA Delegates - Ms. Aida Sarr, Director Communication & Public Relations and Ms. Grace Enock Massah, Chairperson</p>	DPOs/NGOs, International Agencies, Youth Organisations, Ministries, Para-statal Bodies, Corporates, Justice Department, Universities, 8 Foreign Delegates	27 & 28 August 2018	Gold Crest Hotel	50



High Level Dialogue Advocacy Meetings & Communication Link

The High Level Dialogue Advocacy Meetings & Communication Link with the following institutions were of vital importance in regards to the Adoption of the ADP and eventually leading the way to the Ratification of the Protocol.

Key Activity	Institutions	Name and Position	
High Level Dialogue Advocacy Meetings & Communication Link	National Human Rights Commission	Mrs. Rosemary Elizabeth W. Anodin and Mr. Samiollah Lauthan	
	National CSR Foundation	Mr. Medavy Munien Pillay, Chairman and Ajay Sowdagur, Director	
	NGO Trust Fund	Mr. Tayonand Baboorun, Chairman and Board Members	
	Mauritius Council of Social Services (MACOSS)	Mr. Paramasiva Chengan, Chairman	
	Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research		Honourable Mrs. Leela Devi Dookhun, Minister
			Mr. K NG Wong Hing, Director of Planning and Budgeting - SENS Unit
			Dr. Neeshti Reetoo, Director Health and Wellness
	Ministry of Local Government and Outer Islands, Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare		Honourable Mrs. Fazila Jeewa-Daureeawoo, Vice Prime Minister
			The Permanent Secretary and Technical Committee
	Business Mauritius	Mr. P Dursun, Chief Operating Officer	
	Government of Mauritius		Honourable Ravi Rutnah, Government Deputy Chief Whip
			Honourable Mrs. Roubina Jadoo, Private Parliamentary Secretary
	European Union	Mr. Madev Balloo, Project Manager	
	Press Media		Le Defi Media Group
			Le Dimanche
			Star
	The Lord Mayor of Port Louis	Mr. Daniel Eric Clive Laurent	
	Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment and Sustainable Development		Mr. Jayraj Hauroo, Deputy Permanent Secretary
			Mr. S. Ramdhayan, Head of Disability Empowerment Unit
	Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Institutional Reforms	Honourable Mr. Maneesh Gobin, Minister	
NGO Trust Fund	Mrs. Tatteea, Officer in Charge and Mr. Gunesh, Accountant		
The Mauritius Council of Social Services (MACOSS)	Mr. Paramasiva Chengan, Chairman		



High Level Dialogue Advocacy Meetings with Embassies

As at date meetings with three ambassadors had already been convened and meetings with other four ambassadors are in the agenda.

Key Activity	Embassy	Name of Person
High Level Dialogue Advocacy Meetings with Embassies	Republic of Madagascar	Mrs. Nadie Mampionana Ratsizafy
	Arab Republic of Egypt	Mr. Mohammad Sabri
	Republic of Senegal	Mr. François de Grivel

Mass Mailing Awareness Campaign

Under this section, a poster was circulated to 900 institutions in Mauritius and Rodrigues which are listed below:

Key Activity	Institutions	Number of Copies...
Mass Mailing Advocacy Awareness Campaign	Ministers	23
	Members of Parliament	68
	Para-statal Bodies	70
	DPOs	75
	NGOs	80
	SENS Schools	60
	Primary & Secondary Schools	150
	Youth Organisations/Federations & Regional Youth Council	70
	Corporates	200
	Police Stations	15
	Banks	89

Advocacy Strategy for the Adoption of the ADP -

Official Letters highlighting the call for Adoption of the ADP and Copy of Protocol attached sent to the following:

Key Activity	Institutions
Advocacy Strategy for the Adoption of ADP	Prime Minister's Office
	Office of the Attorney General, Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Institutional Reforms
	23 Ministers
	68 Members of the National Assembly
	7 Commissions Rodrigues Regional Assembly
	40 Disability Led-Organisations



Advocacy Strategy for the Ratification of the ADP -

Ratification of the ADP, Copy of the Mauritius Declaration and African Union Verbal Note were sent to the following:

Key Activity	Names	Institutions
Advocacy Strategy for the Ratification of the ADP	His Excellency Mr. Paramasivum Pillay Vyapoory, Acting President of the Republic of Mauritius	Office of the President of the Republic of Mauritius
	Honourable Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, Prime Minister,	Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
	Honourable Fazila Jeewa-Daureeawoo, Vice-Prime Minister	Ministry of Local Government and Outer Islands, Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare
	Honourable Marie Joseph Noël-Etienne Ghislain Sinatambou, Minister	Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment and Sustainable Development
	Honourable Seetanah Lutchmeenaraidoo, Minister	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade
	Honourable Maneesh Gobin, Minister	Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Institutional Reforms

Collaborators in the Project Implementation

Our main collaborators for the whole ARADI Project Implementation are as follows:

Collaborators in the Project Implementation	Institutions
	Government of Mauritius
	European Union
	CBM
	Africa Disability Alliance (ADA)
	National Human Rights Commission
	National CSR Foundation
	NGO Trust Fund
	Mauritius Council of Social Services
	SME Mauritius
	Business Mauritius
	Rodrigues Regional Assembly
	Mauritius Telecom Foundation Rodrigues
	Press Media



Photos of Activities



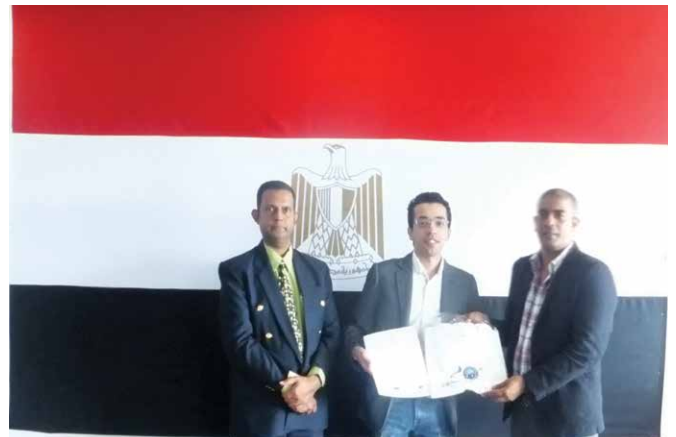
Le Saint Georges Hotel - Youth Training Workshop



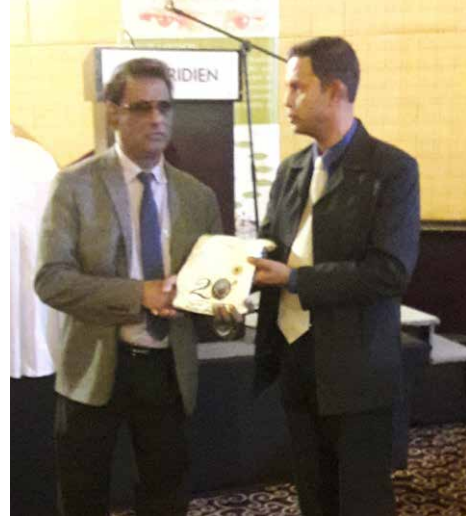
Le Saint Georges Hotel - Women Training Workshop



Le Saint Georges Hotel - Business and Corporate Workshop



*Meeting with the Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt
Mr. Mohammad Sabri*



Le Meridien Hotel - Multi-Stakeholders Workshop



*Meeting at the Embassy of the Republic of Madagascar
Mrs. Nadie Mampionana Ratsizafy*



Edycs Rodrigues Mission Team



Meeting with Vice-Prime Minister Honourable Fazila Jeewa-Daureeawoo



Official Launching of Edycs ARADI Advocacy Group - Mauritius



Meeting with the Consulate of the Republic of Senegal Mr. François de Grivel



Official Launching Edycs ARADI Advocacy Group - Rodrigues

Edycs ARADI Southern Africa Regional Workshop



The Way Forward

We expect that the Government of Mauritius and all Member States of the African Union will provide support to the Ratification of the Africa Disability Protocol (ADP) leading to the establishment of a Model Disability Law (MDL).