GRReAT Consultation – 2019

Call for Contributions

GRReAT Consultation 2019 AND GLOBAL REPORT

The WHA resolution (WHA71.8) calls upon WHO to prepare a global report on effective access to assistive technology (AT) in the context of an integrated approach, based on the best available scientific evidence and international experience, by 2021. This report provides an opportunity to highlight the links between effective access to AT and the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It is expected that the report will catalyze global collaboration and provide guidance to Member States on next steps to improving access to AT in their countries.

Objectives of the report

1. To showcase the current status in terms of access to AT through data, description and analysis
2. To draw attention to governments and civil society about the need for and benefit of AT, especially the return on investment
3. To make recommendations for concrete actions that will improve access to AT, especially in resource limited settings, based on the best available scientific information and country experience
4. To support implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, making Universal Health Coverage inclusive and contributing to the achievement of the SDGs.

It is expected this report will stimulate and lead the public health work in improving access to AT through:

- Advocacy to mobilize coordinated and sustained global action
- Fostering AT programmes in low- and middle-income countries
- Greater political and economic support for action implementation at country level
- Inclusion of AT access in the development agenda

The development of the Global Report will be led by the WHO Secretariat, the Global Cooperation on Assistive Technology (GATE) and an advisory group in collaboration with international experts and stakeholders in AT. WHO will identify key contributions from different backgrounds and countries to ensure that the Global Report will cover a range of cultural contexts and different approaches, which are based on background papers supported by the best available evidence.

- The GRReAT Consultation in 2019 represents a major consultation to inform the Global Report. WHO will call for contributions from across the globe to be demonstrated and discussed during the 2-day programme
CONTRIBUTION TOPICS

The GReAT Consultation 2019 welcomes contributions regarding, but not limited to, the following chapter themes:

1. Need, demand, availability and supply of AT, and the tools/methods for obtaining these data
2. Challenges in access to AT
3. Exemplary national AT policies and programmes
4. Effective market shaping, AT financing and investment mechanisms
5. Good practices and effective innovations in AT production, procurement, service delivery and information systems
6. Good practices in AT workforce training and retention
7. Good practices and processes for innovations in assistive technology
8. Quality tools/methods for AT sector capacity building in countries or regions
9. Recommendations for effective access to AT

Contributions, which have relevance at national, regional and/or global level, are particularly welcomed. Presenting at the GReAT Consultation 2019 is a unique opportunity -
- to disseminate and discuss research outcomes and good practices in AT in a global forum
- to contribute to the global development of and improved access to AT
- to contribute to the development of the WHO Global Report on AT

CONTRIBUTION SUBMISSION INVOLVES TWO STAGES:

Stage 1. Submission of an abstract. The abstract will briefly introduce the (expected) contribution from the authors. We expect submissions to target one of the above 9 areas (individual authors may be included in more than one submission).

The following sections are required in the submitted abstract:

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<td>7. What challenges and opportunities do you foresee regarding greater access to quality, affordable AT for all (based on the area you have chosen to address).</td>
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Additional sections or aspects of the contribution can be covered and up to five keywords can be provided in the abstract. The abstract should be between 750 and 1000 words (excluding title and keywords). The GReAT organizing committee will select the abstracts and commission a full manuscript submission based on the relevance and quality of the contribution.

Please submit abstract online here, or via link: https://reg.unog.ch/event/28661/call-for-abstracts/submit

In order to submit an abstract, you will need to create an account.

For programme overview, please visit here, or via link: https://reg.unog.ch/event/28661/overview

Stage 2. Submission of a full manuscript (maximum 5000 words, excluding title, keywords and abstract). Authors of the full manuscripts will be invited to present their work at the consultation in the form of a short oral or poster presentation.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GLOBAL REPORT

Full manuscripts presented at the consultation will be included in the GReAT Consultation 2019 Report and Conference Proceedings (online). Selected full manuscripts will be used in the Global Report on Assistive Technology as background papers and their authors will be acknowledged.

IMPORTANT DATES

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ACCESS

Registration and abstract submission for the GReAT Consultation is an online process. If you have specific accessibility requirements, please contact GReATConsultation2019@gmail.com for alternative access and support.