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DPI enjoys that the theme of the NGOs conference "inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of development efforts »

This document refers to the DPI motto "Nothing about us without us » launched 30 years ago, and proud to have succeed to plant this basis right in minds, however DPI would like to have a clear definition of that motto. What does this mean concretely? In terms of definitions? In terms of education and training programs? In terms of procedures and accountability? What it is? What are the references? What are the criteria? How evaluate? Is this motto has the same meaning than what is called "participation" in some documents and others languages? etc etc

As creator, DPI feels the responsibility to be the "ethical guardian" of this motto and wants to assure that it is not only a "fashion expression" to justify funds but used in respects of the spirit of its origins.

Peoples with disabilities want to know how the money allocated is used, they want the money invested for their facilitation is spend for the promotion and the facilitation of concrete participation, education and empowerment of people with disabilities. Adapted services are not solutions if user cannot maintain control. Users need trainings and coordination, and their organizations must receive funds with plans to achieve trainings of trainers.

The motto "Nothing about us without us" is one of the main root of the art. 32 of CRPD (International cooperation): "Ensuring that international cooperation, including international development programs, is inclusive of and accessible to persons with disabilities". All project of international cooperation must mainstream disability, because the money spend for all project must be used for all population. All building must be accessible, all project on employment and education and must be inclusive. The donors in the world and national agencies in development must mainstream disability in their strategic plan and documents. The UN must encourage the private donors to consider the CRPD is a new standard of the international cooperation.

All projects must include empowerment activities for the people with disabilities and their Organizations (DPOs) in partnership with the competent international DPOs.