Findings from 1st and plans for 2nd Global Survey

IDA Global Survey on OPD participation in development programmes and policies

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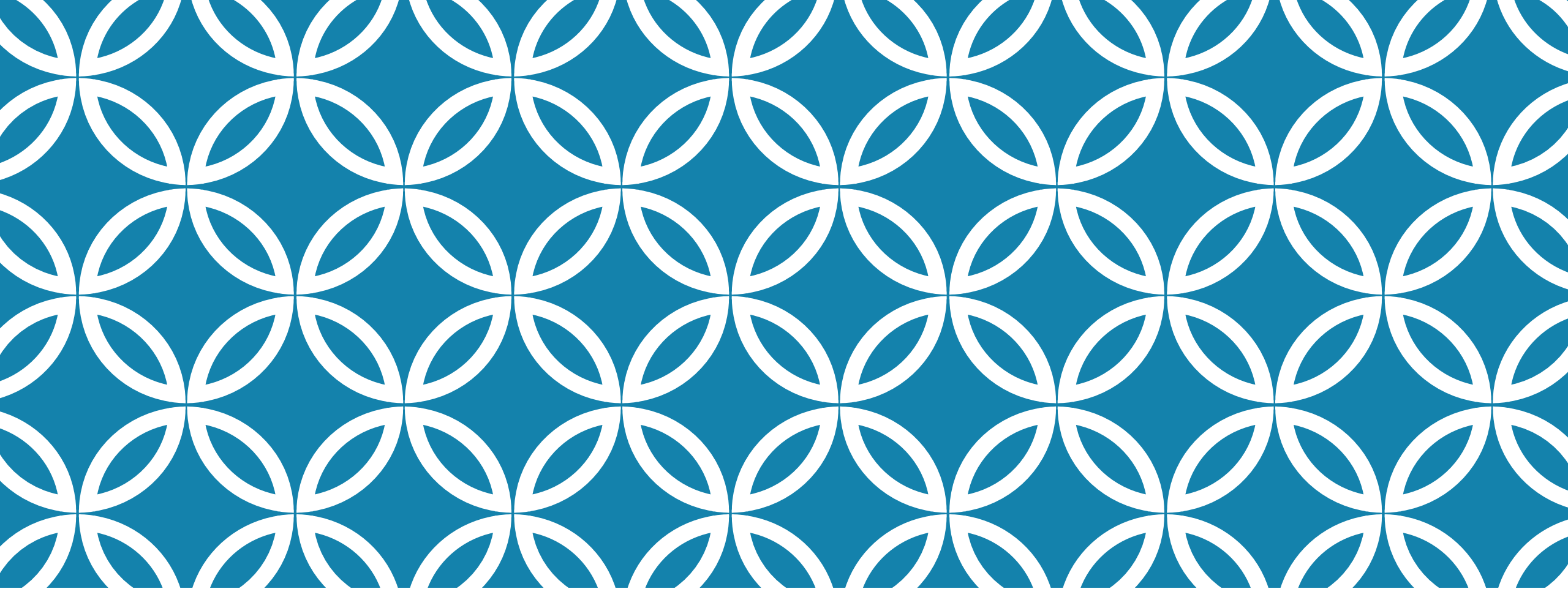National University of Ireland Maynooth

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First Global Survey

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Second Global Survey

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Findings from 1st Global Survey

ABOUT THE SURVEY

- A tool to capture **OPDs' perceptions of their participation** with governments, the UN and funding agencies on a global scale

- A **monitoring tool** in line with UNCRPD: 'Nothing about us without us' motto, international cooperation and OPD representation (compare articles 33, 32 and 4.3)

- **Generating more robust evidence and learning** on what works and what are the gaps to ensure 'meaningful participation'

- A contribution to **analyse different dimensions of meaningful participation**

Dimensions of meaningful participation

Who: which groups of persons with disabilities are invited to participate?

With whom: which decision-makers engage with persons with disabilities?

Where: at which levels?

On what: which are the issues on which OPDs are consulted?

How: are preconditions for participation ensured?

When: at which stages of the policy or programme cycle are OPDs consulted?

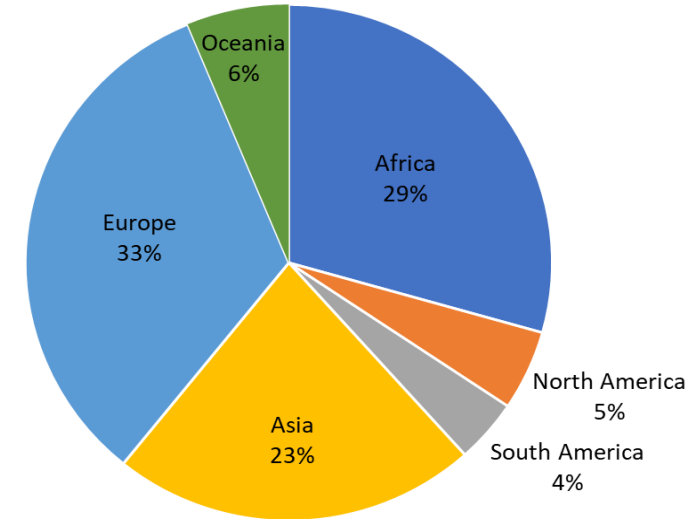**How often**: is participation regular or occasional?

How formalised: are mechanisms for participation formal or informal?

How much: what is the level shared decision-making (from information to full co-decision)?
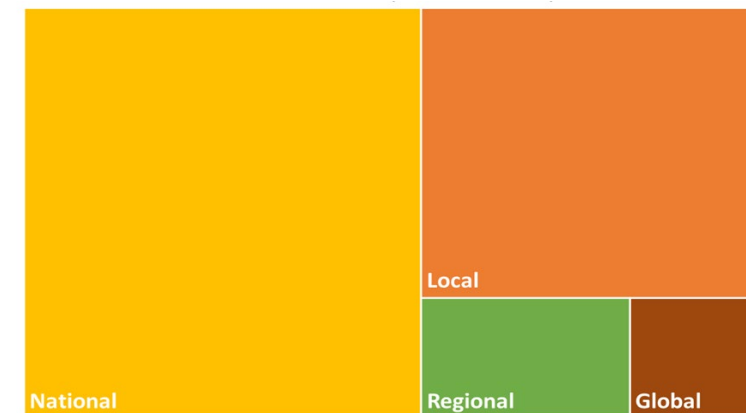
How effective: are the views of OPDs effectively considered?

RESPONDENTS

- **7 languages** (translations from English plain language): Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish and International Sign.

- **573 OPD respondents**

- From **165 countries** across all regions

- A majority of respondents (54,5%) works at the **national** level

- **Online** survey

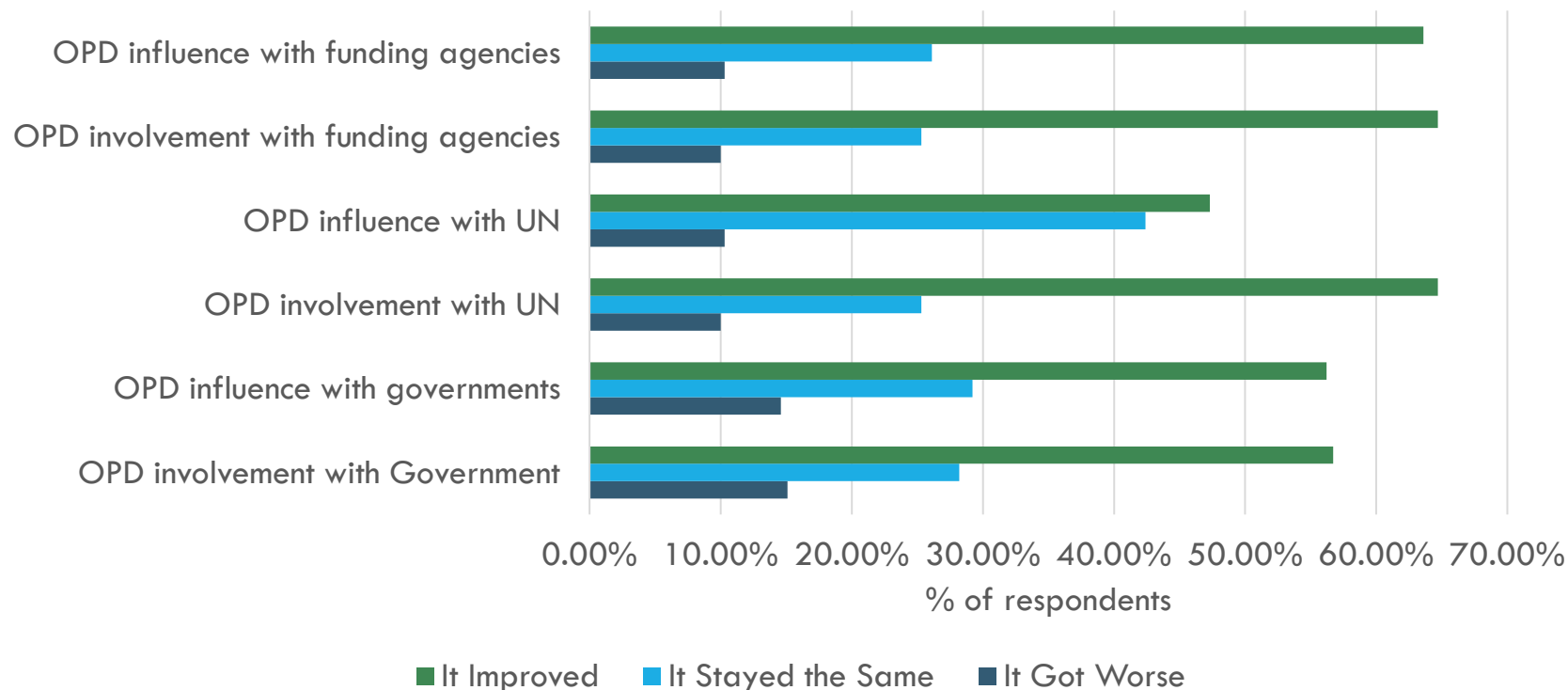*Regions in which OPD respondents work*

Oceania 6%
Africa 29%
Europe 33%
North America 5%
South America 4%
Asia 23%

Level at which OPD respondents mostly work

National
Local
Regional
Global

KEY FINDINGS

- Participation of persons with disabilities, through their representative organisations, is **increasing overall…**

- …however, **participation remains insufficient** with regards to the standards set by Article 4.3 and General Comment 7

Evolution of OPD involvement and influence with government, UN and funding agencies, as compared to one year ago

OPD influence with funding agencies

OPD involvement with funding agencies

OPD influence with UN

OPD involvement with UN

OPD influence with governments

OPD involvement with Government

0.00%   10.00%   20.00%   30.00%   40.00%   50.00%   60.00%   70.00%

% of respondents

■ It Improved   ■ It Stayed the Same   ■ It Got Worse

KEY FINDINGS – ACROSS STAKEHOLDERS

- Participation of persons with disabilities is **not equal across the diverse constituencies** of the disability rights movement;

- At the level of decision makers: **significant barriers to participation in decision-making remain**, whether with governments, UN or funding agencies, and preconditions are not met (lack of accessibility and reasonable accommodation, poor attitudes and lack of knowledge);

- At the level of OPDs: **financial support remains a big challenge for OPDs to exist as representative organisations**, although 32% of OPDs reporting their funding increased or increased a lot as compared to one year ago.

- OPDs also report lacking technical and organisational capacity to engage.
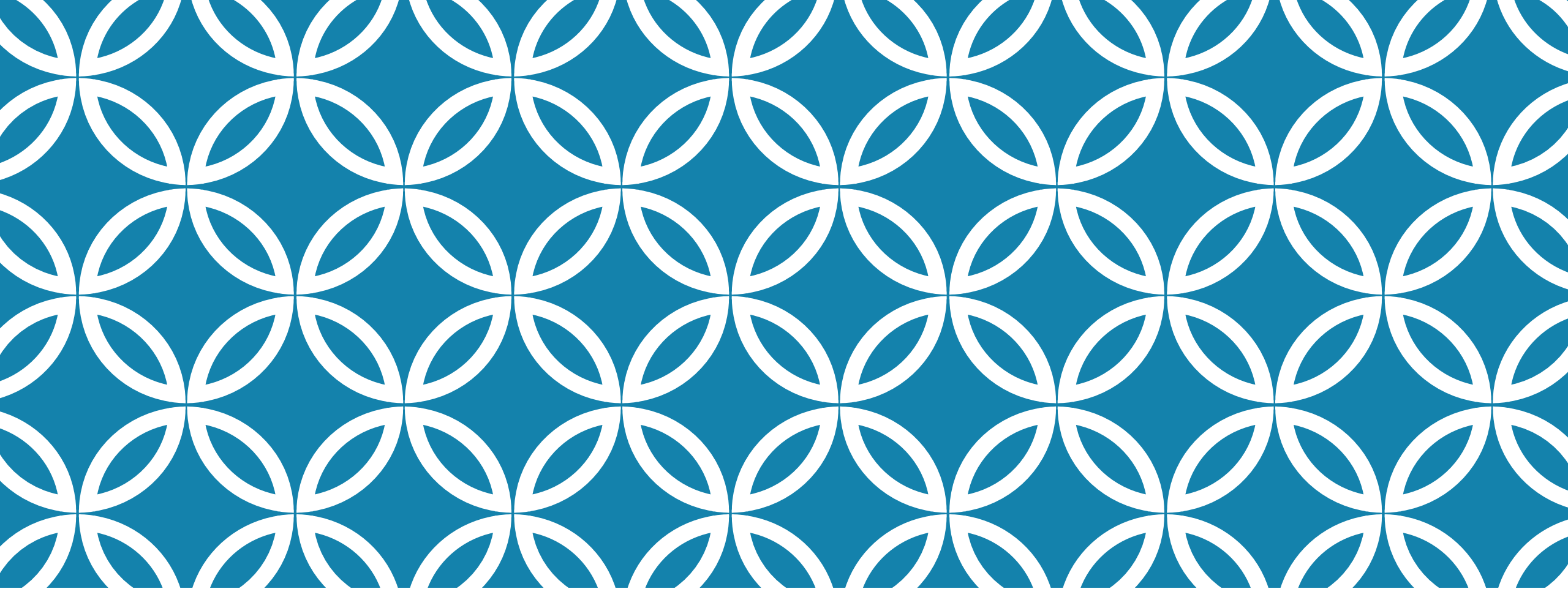
KEY FINDINGS – GOVERNMENTS

- Involvement of OPDs with governments is still insufficient with **a majority** of OPDs reporting they are *sometimes* **invited.**

- Across stages of the government policy and/or programme cycle, OPDs usually do not participate in **budget decisions: 47%** of OPDs report that they are *never* and **19%** that they are *rarely* **consulted**, in budget decisions by their government.

- Overall, **42%** of OPDs consider that their **experience** of engagement with their government is *poor* **or** *very poor*, 44% have a mixed experience and only 13% consider it good or very good.

- Recommendations from OPDs to governments focus on the provision of **financial support to OPDs**, a demand for inclusion of *all* **groups of persons with disabilities**, a call for enhanced **consideration for their views** and meaningful roles in shared decision-making, ensuring accessibility and reasonable accommodation, or access to capacity development.

KEY FINDINGS – UN AND FUNDING AGENCIES

- While **44%** of OPDs reported being **involved with the United Nations**, they are overall not familiar with their work.

- Among UN entities, **UNICEF and UNDP** are identified by OPDs as the most inclusive agencies.

- A **majority** of OPDs who do engage with the UN report that **their experience is positive**: 54% consider it *good* or *very good*, while 27% consider it *mixed* and 19% *poor* or *very poor*.

- OPDs engaged with funding agencies report positive experiences (66%), enabling access to funding and technical guidance such as for policy change.

- OPDs demand **more and accessible information** about the UN and their work, **more substantial and regular engagement** of the UN on disability issues, more engagement with OPDs, covering underrepresented groups of persons with disabilities, and with less centralised approaches.

Plans for 2nd Global Survey

LIMITATIONS & LEARNINGS

- **Technical issues**: limits of existing online survey tools to manage large surveys in multiple languages;

- **Limited outreach and use:** limits of centralised data collection through IDA website;

- **Accessibility issues**: related to limitations with existing online survey tools (e.g. videos), but also length of the survey or methodological choices;

- **Methodological choices:** Respondents limited to one by OPD, influencing who responds and reduced the number and diversity of responses;

- **Data analysis**: the dataset limits the possibility to disaggregate by country or type of constituency; limits to contextualisation of results considering the type of political environment in which OPDs operate;

NEXT STEPS & PLANS

Launch of 2nd iteration of the IDA Global Survey: end of March 2021

Dissemination of current findings and 2nd Global Survey

- 1st survey report published
- Strategy for dissemination of 1st survey results
- Strategy for dissemination of 2nd Global Survey

Survey methodology

- Methodological conversations with IDA
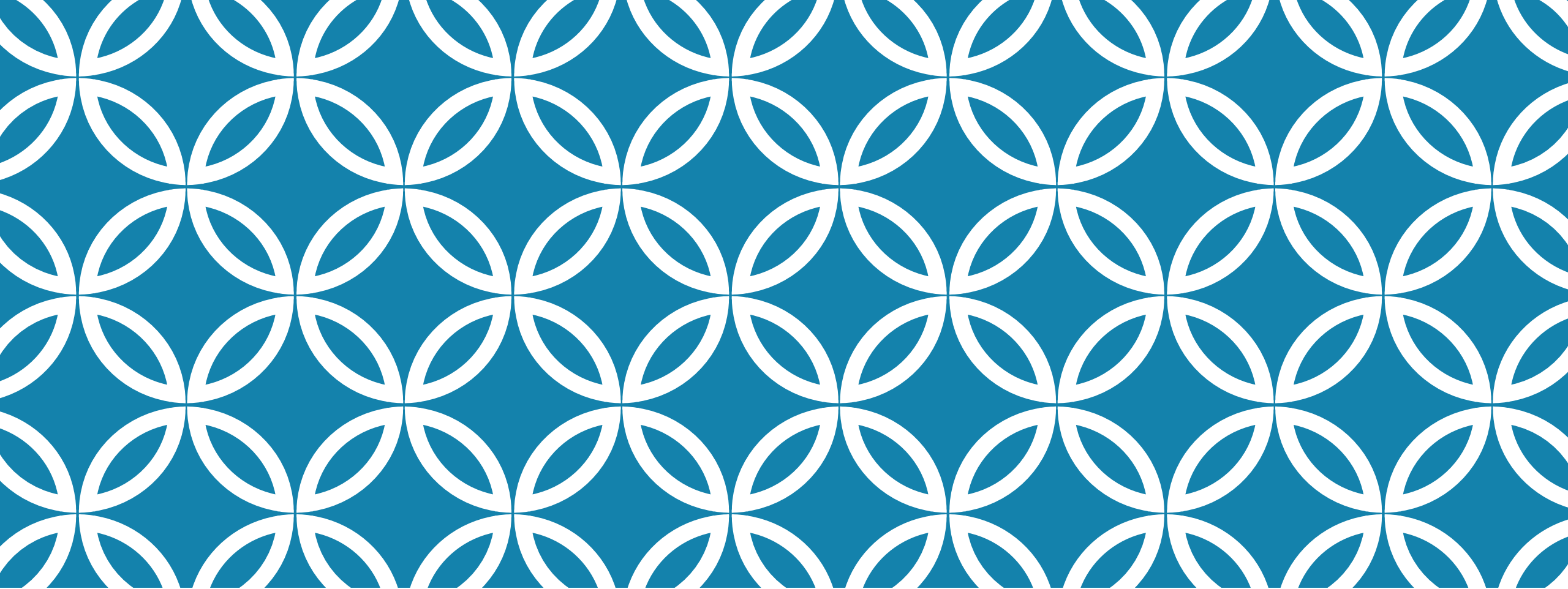- Adjustment of the 2nd survey questionnaire
- Developing an „OPD Participation Index"

Accessible data collection and mobilisation

- Availability
- Technically
- Language

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