



# **WBU-ICEVI 2016**

**WBU-ICEVI General Assemblies  
Human Rights and the CRPD – What Lies Ahead**

**August 18-25, 2016**

## **PROGRAM**

**Rosen Centre Hotel**  
9840 International Drive  
Orlando, Florida  
USA

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## **Joint Message from WBU and ICEVI Presidents**

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**Arnt Holte**  
President, WBU



**Lord Colin Low**  
President, ICEVI

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Four years ago, in an effort to promote greater collaboration at global level between blindness organizations with similar aims and get the most out of limited resources, the World Blind Union (WBU) and the International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) held their quadrennial General Assemblies jointly. As this was generally thought to be a considerable success, four years on it has been agreed to repeat this innovation. Therefore this year, the joint assemblies will take place from 18-25 August in Orlando, Florida, USA, at the Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Drive, where we will be the guests of the National Federation of the Blind of the USA. The overall theme for the assemblies will be "Human Rights and the CRPD - What Lies Ahead?"

Once again, working together over many months and with our local hosts in the USA, we have planned what we believe will be an exciting series of events. In response to feedback received, there are one or two changes from last time: The overall length of the event is shorter and we have included a

day of paper presentations for ICEVI members along the lines of the traditional ICEVI conference. Some events are therefore specific to WBU and some to ICEVI, but there are joint days that will be attended by members of both organizations and we believe we have still constructed a program that will enable our members to come together and take advantage of the opportunities for information sharing and joint activity. We want members from both organizations to feel welcome to attend each other's events. We have also planned a joint Gala Dinner and technology exhibition which will showcase the latest in what is available for blind and partially sighted people.

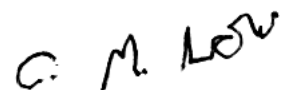
On behalf of both WBU and ICEVI, we are proud to present this to you now in this program brochure. We hope you are as excited by it as we are. We have attracted some excellent speakers of international calibre for the joint sessions and we believe that it will provide an excellent opportunity for organizations of blind persons, service providers and educators to come together for mutual sharing and learning and increased understanding.

It gives us great pleasure to welcome all delegates, exhibitors and other participants, and we look forward to greeting you in Orlando, whether you are coming for all events or only for some,

With warm regards,



**Mr. Arnt Holte**  
President, WBU



**Lord Colin Low**  
President, ICEVI

## Message from the Chairman, Host Committee

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**Marc Maurer**

Chairman, Host Committee  
National Federation of the Blind

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 9<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the World Blind Union, being held in conjunction with the International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment. The local organizing committee has sought to put together arrangements that will ensure that your stay is enjoyable and that your work can be accomplished effectively. The North America/Caribbean Region of the World Blind Union had the joy of welcoming the General Assembly to Toronto in 1996. This year we welcome both the World Blind Union and the International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment to the United States.

Many of the members from our region joined the World Blind Union when it came to be an organization in 1984. Some of us were part of the world scene prior to the founding of the WBU. The National Federation of the Blind of the United States was a founding member of the International Federation of the Blind — one of the two organizations that

formed the World Blind Union. The International Federation of the Blind came into being in 1964. The Canadian National Institute for the Blind was a founding member of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind—the other organization that formed the World Blind Union. The World Council for the Welfare of the Blind was established in 1949.

Although some of us have been participants in blindness matters for many, many years, this is the first time that this joint meeting has been held in the United States, and we take pride in welcoming all of you. We hope we can live up to your expectations, and we want to offer the hospitality of our region. In the years that we have served in these organizations, we have gained international perspective from you, and we have found friends to share the spirit of adventure in expanding opportunities for blind people everywhere. We feel certain that the friendships will deepen during the time that we are together and that the partnerships throughout the world will be enhanced by your presence. We find joy in planning to share these events with you. Together we are changing what it means to be blind.

With hopes for a joyous meeting and plans to be part of it,



**Dr. Marc Maurer**  
Chairman, Host Committee  
National Federation of the Blind

## **Program-at-a-Glance**

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### **Thursday, August 18**

WBU Executive meeting and other WBU Pre-Assembly committee meetings

**6:00 - 8:00** Opening Reception

### **Friday, August 19 – Sunday, August 21**

WBU General Assembly

### **Monday, August 22**

**Morning** Joint Opening Plenary and Welcome to ICEVI  
Tea Break

**WBU:** WBU General Assembly Program Resumes

**ICEVI:** ICEVI Papers Presentations  
ICEVI Regional Meetings

**8:00 - 10:30** Cultural Event

### **Tuesday, August 23**

WBU-ICEVI Joint Plenary and Concurrent sessions

### **Wednesday, August 24**

**Morning** WBU-ICEVI Joint Plenary and Concurrent sessions continued

**2:00 - 4:00** Joint Closing Ceremonies and Awards Presentations

**4:00 - 6:00** ICEVI Regional Meetings

**4:30 - 6:00** WBU Executive Committee Meeting

**7:30** Gala Dinner

### **Thursday, August 25**

ICEVI General Assembly and Executive Committee meeting

## Details of Program

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### **WBU Executive Committee Meeting & other WBU Pre-Assembly Committee Meetings**

**Thursday, August 18**

**9:00 – 10:30 Executive Committee Meeting**

**Location: Salons 9 and 10, level 2**

10:30 – 11:00 Tea Break

**11:00 – 12:30 Executive Committee Meeting continued**

**Location: Salons 1 and 2, level 2**

12:30 – 2:30 Lunch break

**2:30 – 4:00 Credentials Committee Meeting**

**Location: Hospitality Suite 243, level 2**

4:00 – 4:30 Tea Break

**4:30 – 6:00 Nominations Committee Meeting**

**Location: Hospitality Suite 243, level 2**

Other Committee Meetings as required (for example,  
Elections Committee, Resolutions Committee)

**6:00 Nominations Close for the position of  
President**

**6:00 – 8:00 Opening Reception**

Organized by Local host, National Federation of the Blind  
(NFB)



## WBU General Assembly Days

**Location: Grand Ballrooms CDE, level 1**

**Friday, August 19**

**9:00 – 10:30 WBU Session 1**

**WBU Days Opening Ceremonies and First Business Session**

**9:00 – 9:45 Opening Ceremonies**

Organized by Local host, NFB

**9:45 – 10:30 First Business session**

Chair: **Arnt Holte**, President, WBU

Call to Order

- Acceptance of changes to agenda
- Acceptance of Report from 2012 General Assembly
- Appointment of Assembly Committees: Credentials, Resolutions, Elections
- Obituaries by **Enrique Pérez**, Second Vice-President, WBU
- Credentials Committee Report by **Enrique Pérez**, Chair, Credentials Committee
- First report of the Nominations Committee by **William Rowland**, Chair, Nominations Committee
- Candidate presentations for position of President

10:30 – 11:00 Tea Break

**11:00 – 12:30 WBU Session 2**

**Report of work 2012 - 2016**

Chair: **Fredric Schroeder**, First Vice-President, WBU

- President's Report and Report on Strategic Plan 2012–2016 by **Arnt Holte**, President, WBU
- WBU CEO report by **Penny Hartin**, CEO, WBU
- Financial Accounts by **A.K. Mittal**, Treasurer, WBU
- WBU Membership by **Penny Hartin**, CEO, WBU

Questions from the floor

12:30 – 2:30 Lunch break

### **Election of the President**

### **2:30 – 4:00 WBU Session 3**

### **Universal Design, Accessible travel, transportation and tourism**

Chair: **A.K. Mittal**, Treasurer, WBU

Topic 1: Shared spaces: how we can travel safely in the same space along-side cars

Speaker: **Martine Abel-Williamson**, Vice-President, WBU-AP

Topic 2: Quiet vehicles: the silent danger; driving safety and access issues

Speaker: **Fredric Schroeder**, First Vice-President, WBU

Topic 3: International travel with a guide dog: the latest research results; identifying issues and recommendations

Speaker: **Martine Abel-Williamson**, Vice-President, WBU-AP

4:00 – 4:30 Tea Break

### **4:30 – 6:00 WBU Session 4**

Chair: **Enrique Pérez**, Second Vice-President, WBU

Announcement of results of Election for President by **Terje Iversen**, Chair, Elections Committee

Acknowledgement remarks by incoming President

### **Rehabilitation for blind and partially sighted persons (Report and discussion of WBU Rehabilitation survey)**

Presentation of Survey Results by **Rebecca Sheffield/Kirk Adams**, American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)

Respondents:

- **Gertrude Fefoame**, Global Advocacy Advisor, Sightsavers
- **John Rafferty**, President, Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)

Discussion Period

**6:00**                      **Nominations Close for positions of First Vice-President, Secretary-General and Treasurer**

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**Saturday, August 20**

**9:00 – 10:30 WBU Session 5**

**Constitutional Report**

Chair: **Arnt Holte**, President, WBU

Constitutional Report by **Wolfgang Angermann**, Chair, Constitutional Committee

Report of the Nominations Committee by **William Rowland**, Chair, Nominations Committee

Campaign speeches by Candidates

10:30 – 11:00 Tea Break

**11:00 – 12:30 WBU Session 6**  
**Emergency Preparedness**

Chair: **Michiko Tabata**, Regional President, WBU-AP

Topic 1: Syrian refugees with disabilities

Speaker: **Ahmed Mohammad Mousa Allouzi**, Chairman,  
Friendship Association of the Blind, Jordan

Topic 2: Life as a blind refugee

Speaker: **Donatilla Kanimba**, Executive Director, Rwandese  
Union of the Blind

Topic 3: Vulnerability to natural Disasters: Latin American  
context

Speaker: **Gabriel Escobar**, Guatemala

Topic 4: Disability-Inclusive DRR, roles of DPOs

Speaker: **Marcie Roth**, Director, Office of Disability  
Integration and Coordination, U.S. Department of  
Homeland Security - FEMA

12:30 – 2:30 Lunch break

**Elections for Positions of First Vice-President,  
Secretary-General and Treasurer**

**2:30 – 4:00 WBU Session 7**  
**Regional Reports**

Chair: **Fredric Schroeder**, First Vice-President, WBU

Regional Reports by Regional Presidents

- ABU by **Santosh Kumar Rungta**
- AFUB by **Yaw Ofori Debra**
- WBU-AP by **Michiko Tabata**
- EBU by **Wolfgang Angermann**

- ULAC by **Volmir Raimondi**
- NA-C by **Charles Mossop**

4:00 – 4:30      Tea Break

### **4:30 – 6:00      WBU Session 8**

Chair: **Mark Riccobono**, President, NFB

Announcement of results of Elections for First Vice-President, Secretary-General and Treasurer by **Terje Iversen**, Chair, Elections Committee

### **Public Perception Campaigns**

Topic:      Blind New World: A Social Change Campaign  
 Speakers: **Dave Power**, President and CEO, Perkins School for the Blind;  
               **Corinne Grousbeck**, Chair of the Board, Perkins School for the Blind

Other Speakers:

- **Beyan Kota**, President, Liberia Christian Association of the Blind
- **Moisés Bauer**, President, National Organization of the Blind of Brazil
- **Fernando Riaño**, Director, CSR and Communication, ONCE Foundation

**6:00                      Nominations Close for the position of Second Vice-President (Pending run-off requirements for position of First Vice-President)**

## **Sunday, August 21**

**9:00 – 10:30      WBU Session 9**

**Budget Discussions focusing on future sustainability**

Chair: **Charles Mossop**, Regional President, WBU NA-C

Budget Discussions by **A. K. Mittal**, Treasurer, WBU

Report of Nominations Committee by **William Rowland**,  
Chair, Nominations Committee

10:30 – 11:00 Tea Break

**11:00 – 12:30 WBU Session 10**  
**Influencing Public Policy for Inclusion of Blind and Partially Sighted Persons**

Chair: **Volmir Raimondi**, Regional President, WBU ULAC

Speakers:

- **Colin Low**, President, ICEVI
- **Janet LaBreck**, Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration, U.S.A.
- **Elly Macha**, Member of Parliament of Tanzania
- **Aubrey Webson**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Mission of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations

12:30 – 2:30 Lunch break

**Run-off elections if necessary for positions of First Vice-President, Secretary-General and Treasurer;  
Election of Second Vice-President (Depending on status of First Vice-President Elections)**

**2:30 – 4:00 WBU Session 11**  
**WBU Regional meetings**

- ABU, **Location: Salon 5, level 2**
- AFUB, **Location: Salon 6, level 2**
- WBU-AP, **Location: Salon 7, level 2**
- EBU, **Location: Grand Ballrooms CDE, level 1**

- ULAC, **Location: Salon 11, level 2**
- NA-C, **Location: Salon 12, level 2**
- International members, **Location: Salon 1, level 2**

4:00 – 4:30      Tea Break

**4:30 – 6:00      WBU Session 12**  
**WBU Regional meetings continued**

Announcement of results of Elections by **Terje Iversen**,  
Chair, Elections Committee

Regional meetings continued

**6:00                      Nominations close for position of Second  
Vice-President (If election is required on  
Monday, August 22)**

## **Monday, August 22**

### **9:00 – 10:30 WBU-ICEVI Joint Opening Plenary**

Co-Chairs: **Arnt Holte**, President, WBU and **Colin Low**,  
President, ICEVI

Speakers:

- **Yohei Sasakawa**, Chairman, The Nippon Foundation
- **Camilla Croso**, President, Global Campaign for Education
- **Jenny Lay-Flurrie**, Chief Accessibility Officer, Microsoft

10:30 – 11:00 Tea Break

### **\*\*11am – 6pm WBU General Assembly Program Resumes\*\***

#### **11:00 – 12:30 WBU Session 13 Resolutions**

Chair: **Santosh Kumar Rungta**, Regional President, WBU  
ABU

Resolutions by **Marc Maurer**, Chair, Resolutions Committee

12:30 – 2:30 Lunch break

#### **Election of Second Vice-President if needed**

#### **2:30 – 4:00 WBU Session 14 Leadership**

Chair: **Maryanne Diamond**, Immediate Past President, WBU

Speakers:

- **Carlos Ferrari, Natalia Guala** and **Fernando Galarraga**, Scientific Technical Committee, Latin American Blind Union(ULAC)



- **Ron McCallum**, Emeritus Professor, University of Sydney; Vision Australia
- **Karen Keninger**, Director, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
- **Bryan Bashin**, President, San Francisco Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired

4:00 – 4:30      Tea Break

**4:30 – 6:00      WBU Session 15**  
**Unfinished business**

Chair: **Arnt Holte**, President, WBU

Announcement of results of Election by **Terje Iversen**, Chair, Elections Committee (if any)

Unfinished business

**\*\*11am – 6pm ICEVI Papers Presentations\*\***  
**(Please refer to the ICEVI Day Program Schedule for full details of concurrent sessions)**

## **ICEVI Papers Presentations**

### **11:00 – 12:30 ICEVI Concurrent Sessions**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 1: Inclusive education**

**Location: Salon 5, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 2: Access to curriculum, expanded core curriculum, and extra-curricular areas**

**Location: Salon 6, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 3: Assistive and mainstream technologies**

**Location: Salon 7, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 4: Early intervention and early childhood care and education**

**Location: Salon 8, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 5: Higher education: Opportunities and challenges**

**Location: Salon 9, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 6: Education advocacy and awareness creation**

**Location: Salon 10, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 7: Education for children with visual impairment and additional/multiple disabilities or deafblindness**

**Location: Salon 11, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 8: Social, life and independent living skills**

**Location: Salon 12, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 9: Parent and family perspectives**

**Location: Salon 13, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 10: Interactive workshop – Cerebral visual impairment**

**Location: Salon 14, level 2**

12:30 – 1:30    Lunch break

**1:30 – 2:30    ICEVI Regional Meetings**

- Africa, **Location: Salon 5, level 2**
- East Asia, **Location: Salon 6, level 2**

- Europe, **Location: Salon 7, level 2**
- Latin America, **Location: Salon 8, level 2**
- North America and the Caribbean, **Location: Salon 11, level 2**
- Pacific, **Location: Salon 12, level 2**
- West Asia, **Location: Salon 13, level 2**

## **2:30 – 4:00 ICEVI Concurrent Sessions**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 11: Inclusive education  
Location: Salon 5, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 12: Access to curriculum,  
expanded core curriculum, and extra-curricular areas  
Location: Salon 6, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 13: Workshops: Assistive  
and mainstream technologies  
Location: Salon 7, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 14: Personnel Preparation:  
Education of teachers or other professionals  
Location: Salon 8, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 15: Workshop: ICEVI–The  
Nippon Foundation Higher Education program  
Location: Salon 9, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 16: Education advocacy and  
awareness creation  
Location: Salon 10, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 17: Workshops: Education  
for children with visual impairments and  
additional/multiple disabilities or deafblindness  
Location: Salon 11, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 18: Social, life and independent living skills**

**Location: Salon 12, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 19: Workshops: Parent and family perspectives**

**Location: Salon 13, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 20: Special interest session**

**Location: Salon 14, level 2**

4:00 – 4:30      Tea break

**4:30 – 6:00      ICEVI Concurrent Sessions**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 21: Inclusive education**

**Location: Salon 5, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 22: Orientation and mobility**

**Location: Salon 6, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 23: Assistive and mainstream technologies**

**Location: Salon 7, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 24: Educational Practices**

**Location: Salon 8, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 25: Higher education: Opportunities and challenges**

**Location: Salon 9, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 26: Inclusive Education and Development**

**Location: Salon 10, level 2**

## Spanish Session

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 27: Education for children with visual impairments and additional/multiple disabilities or deafblindness**

**Location: Salon 11, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 28: Social, life and independent living skills**

**Location: Salon 12, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 29: Parent and family perspectives**

**Location: Salon 13, level 2**

**ICEVI Concurrent Session 30: Special interest session**

**Location: Salon 14, level 2**

**8:00 – 10:30 Cultural Event**

Organized by Local host, NFB

## **WBU-ICEVI Joint Days**

**Tuesday, August 23**

**9:00 – 10:30 WBU-ICEVI Joint Plenary Session**

**Location: Grand Ballrooms CDE, level 1**

Welcome and Remarks by **Arnt Holte**, President, WBU and **Colin Low**, President, ICEVI

**Theme: Human rights for persons who are blind or partially sighted**

Chair: **William Rowland**, Past President, WBU

Keynote

Topic: United Nations and civil society joint action to promote the rights of children and adults with visual impairment

Speaker: **Aubrey Webson**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Mission of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations

### Panellists

Topic 1: How human rights are achieved through the Marrakesh Treaty

Speaker: **Maryanne Diamond**, Immediate Past President, WBU

Topic 2: How human rights are achieved through the CRPD

Speaker: **Ron McCallum**, Emeritus Professor, University of Sydney; Vision Australia

Topic 3: How human rights are achieved through the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda

Speaker: **Lars Bosselmann**, Director, Department for International Advocacy and Alliance, CBM

10:30 – 11:00 Tea Break

### **11:00 – 12:30 WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Sessions**

#### **WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Session 1: Creating demand for education**

**Location: Salon 5, level 2**

Chair: **Kay Ferrell**, Regional Chairperson, ICEVI North America and the Caribbean

Topic 1: Engaging parents and caregivers with the education process

Speaker: **Susan LaVenture**, Executive Director, National Association of Parents of Children with Visual Impairments (NAPVI) of Lighthouse Guild

Topic 2: Stories of Success in Creating Demand for Education of Children with Visual Impairment

Speaker: **Lucia Piccione**, First Vice-President, ICEVI

Topic 3: Mobilizing community resources in inclusive education

Speaker: **Bhushan Punani**, Executive Director, Blind People's Association, India; Regional Chairperson, ICEVI West Asia

### **WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Session 2: Gender**

**Location: Salon 6, level 2**

Chair: **Penny Hartin**, CEO, WBU

Topic 1: Why is gender an issue?

Speaker: **Ana Peláez Narváez**, Commissioner, Gender Affairs of the Spanish Disability Council; Executive Committee Member, European Disability Forum, and Chair of its Women's Committee; CRPD Committee member

Topic 2: General challenges for women in accessing education and employment

Speaker: **Nandini Rawal**, Executive Director, Blind People's Association, India; Treasurer, ICEVI

Topic 3: Sexual abuse and guarding against abuse

Speaker: **Praveena Sukhraj-Ely**, Advocate of the High Court of South Africa; Principal Officer, ICEVI

### **WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Session 3: Advocacy**

**Location: Salon 7, level 2**

Chair: **Arnt Holte**, President, WBU

Topic 1: Consumer advocacy

Speaker: **Mark Riccobono**, President, NFB

Topic 2: Bringing about change at the national or regional level

Speaker: **Aria Indrawati**, President, Indonesia Blind Union

Topic 3: Bringing about change at the global level

Speaker: **Fredric Schroeder**, First Vice-President, WBU

**WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Session 4: Practices in realizing the CRPD**

**Location: Salon 8, level 2**

Chair: **Colin Low**, President, ICEVI

Topic 1: Monitoring implementation of the CRPD using the WBU CRPD Toolkit

Speaker: **José Maria Viera**, Human Rights Policy Advisor, WBU

Topic 2: DPO involvement in CRPD implementation and monitoring

Speaker: **Ron McCallum**, Emeritus Professor, University of Sydney; Vision Australia

Topic 3: Harmonization legislation of Serbia with the CRPD

Speaker: **Nenad Radenković**, Union of the Blind, Serbia

**WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Session 5: CBR in urban and rural settings**

**Location: Salon 9, level 2**

Chair: **A.K. Mittal**, Treasurer, WBU



Topic 1: World Health Organization CBR Framework  
Speaker: **Armando J. Vasquez Barrios**, Regional Advisor,  
WHO Region of the Americas

Topic 2: Practical perspectives on CBR in a developing  
country  
Speaker: **Tigabu Gebremedhin**, Regional Chairperson,  
ICEVI Africa; Country Coordinator - Ethiopia &  
Sudan, CBM

Topic 3: CBR: Current trends and priorities  
Speaker: **Karen Heinicke-Motsch**, Coordinator, CBR  
Advisory Group, CBM

### **WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Session 6: UN Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals**

**Location: Salon 10, level 2**

Chair: **Charles Mossop**, Regional President, WBU NA-C

Topic 1: How the CRPD links with implementation of the  
Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals

Speaker: **Vladimir Cuk**, Executive Director, IDA

Topic 2: How we mobilise implementation of the Post-2015  
Sustainable Development Goals

Speaker: **Andrew Griffiths**, Head of Advocacy, Sightsavers

Topic 3: The Sustainable Development Goals (Post-2015)  
and what they mean for blind and partially sighted  
people

Speaker: **Lars Bosselmann**, Director, Department for  
International Advocacy and Alliance, CBM

### **WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Session 7: Moving to implementation of the Marrakesh Treaty**

**Location: Grand Ballrooms CDE, level 1**

Simultaneous interpretation available

Chair: **Maryanne Diamond**, Immediate Past President, WBU

Topic 1: Different methods of implementing the Marrakesh Treaty

Speaker: **Jim Fruchterman**, Bookshare

Topic 2: Introducing the WBU Implementation Guide

Speaker: **Chris Friend**, Technical Advisor, Marrakesh Treaty Campaign

Topic 3: Progress in implementing the Marrakesh Treaty in Latin America

Speaker: **Pablo Lecuona**, Chair, Latin American Marrakesh Ratification Campaign

**WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Session 8: The Right to Literacy**

**Location: Salon 11, level 2**

Chair: **Panagiota (Betty) Leotsakou**, Regional Chairperson, ICEVI Europe

Topic 1: The right to literacy using Braille

Speaker: **Thorkild Olesen**, Chair, World Braille Council

Topic 2: Literacy access through eLearning

Speaker: **Frances Gentle**, Second Vice-President, ICEVI

Topic 3: Braille literacy approaches for learners with cognitive impairments

Speaker: **Diane Wormsley**, Education Consultant, American Printing House for the Blind

12:30 – 2:30 Lunch Break

**2:30-4:00 WBU-ICEVI Joint Plenary Session**

**Location: Grand Ballrooms CDE, level 1**

**Theme: Technology**

Chair: **Arnt Holte**, President, WBU

Keynote

Topic: Crystal ball gazing: Future technologies for children and adults with visual impairment

Speaker: **Kevin Carey**, Chair, Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB); Chair, WBU Technology Committee

Panellists

Topic 1: Wayfinding

Speaker: **Martine Abel-Williamson**, Vice-President, WBU-AP

Topic 2: Digital information accessibility

Speaker: **Gary Wunder**, NFB

Topic 3: Technology in developing countries

Speaker: **Maria J. Varela**, Director General, FOAL Foundation; Chairperson, EBU Technical Committee

4:00 – 4:30      Tea Break

**4:30 – 6:00      WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Sessions**

**WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Session 9: BlindSquare – Seamless Travel from A to Beyond**

**Location: Salon 5, level 2**

Speaker: **Rob Nevin**, Blindsquare

**WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Session 10: Workshop: Digital Information Accessibility**

**Location: Salon 6, level 2**

Speaker: **Gary Wunder**, NFB

**WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Session 11: Workshop: Audio Description**

**Location: Salon 7, level 2**

Speaker: **Joel Snyder**, President, Audio Description Associates

**WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Session 12: Accessible technology**

**Location: Salon 8, level 2**

Speaker: **WBU Technology Committee**

**WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Session 13: Access to the curriculum through mainstream and assistive technology**

**Location: Salon 9, level 2**

Chair: **Suwimon Udompiriyasak**, Regional Chairperson, ICEVI East Asia

Topic 1: User perspectives on technology in primary and secondary education

Speaker: **Natalie Shaheen**, NFB Jernigan Institute

Topic 2: User perspectives on technology in higher education

Speaker: **Dang Hoai Phuc**, Executive Director, Sao Mai Vocational and Assistive Technology Centre for the Blind, Vietnam

Topic 3: Introducing the ICEVI Technology Strategy in the context of curriculum access

Speaker: **Richard Orme**, CEO, DAISY Consortium

**WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Session 14: Mock debate on mainstream versus assistive technologies**

**Location: Salon 10, level 2**

Chair: **Fredric Schroeder**, First Vice-President, WBU

Speakers for mainstream technologies:

- **Anne Taylor**, Microsoft
- **Chong Chan Yau**, Hong Kong Blind Union

Speakers for assistive technologies:

- **Gilles Pepin**, HumanWare
- **Sean Tikkun**, Northern Illinois University

**WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Session 15: Technology for persons with visual impairment and additional disabilities, and/or deafblindness**

**Location: Salon 11, level 2**

Chair: **Yaw Ofori Debra**, Regional President, WBU Africa

Topic 1: Technology options for persons with visual impairment and additional disabilities or deafblindness

Speaker: **Dave Power**, President and CEO, Perkins School for the Blind

Topic 2: Personal perspectives on using technology

Speaker: **Geir Jensen**, President, World Federation of the Deafblind

Presenter: **Rune Jensen**, Organizational Secretary, Norwegian Association of the Deafblind, delivered on behalf of Geir Jensen

Topic 3: Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Systems

Speaker: **Bernadette Kappen**, Vice-President, Deafblind International

**WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Session 16: Technology for people with low vision**

**Location: Salon 12, level 2**

Chair: **Penny Hartin**, CEO, WBU

Topic 1: Accessible design and technology for people with low vision

Speaker: **Zaheer Ally**, Head, HR Operations & Governance, Johannesburg Stock Exchange; Board Member, South African Library for the Blind

Topic 2: Technology innovations for school-age learners with low vision

Speaker: **Martin Okiyo Osangiri**, Regional Coordinator, ICEVI Africa

Topic 3: Workplace technology for people with low vision

Speaker: **Michiko Tabata**, Regional President, WBU-AP

**WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Session 17: Technology in developing countries**

**Location: Grand Ballrooms CDE, level 1**

**Simultaneous interpretation available**

Chair: **M.N.G. Mani**, CEO, ICEVI

Topic 1: Developing adaptive/assistive technologies for the visually impaired – “For us, but not without us”

Speaker: **A.K. Mittal**, President, All India Confederation of the Blind

Topic 2: Technology innovations in developing countries

Speaker: **Martin Kieti**, IDP Program Coordinator, Perkins School for the Blind

Topic 3: Technology for social inclusion: Stories of success

Speaker: **Shilpi Kapoor**, Founder, Barrier Break; Lead, Tech Share India

### **WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Session 18: Social Media and persons with visual impairment**

**Location: Salon 14, level 2**

Chair: **Enrique Pérez**, Second Vice-President, WBU

Topic 1: Social media: What it is; how to use it; and how to monitor use by children and youth with visual impairment

Speaker: **Robin Spinks**, Senior Manager Accessibility, RNIB

Presenter: **Eleanor Southwood**, Vice-Chair, RNIB, delivered on behalf of Robin Spinks

Topic 2: Bringing about change using social media

Speaker: **Danielle Trevino**, Coordinator of Social Media and Member Engagement, NFB

Topic 3: The Experiences of using social media to connect

Speaker: **Ben Clare**, Pacific Project Manager, Aspen Medical; Disability Consultant, Australian Aid

Topic 4: Connecting people together

Speaker: **Hanif Kruger**, Blind SA

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**Wednesday, August 24**

**9:00 – 10:30 WBU-ICEVI Joint Plenary Session**

**Location: Grand Ballrooms CDE, level 1**

**Theme: Youth Leadership and Social Engagement**

Co-Chairs: **Diane Bergeron**, Executive Director, Strategic Relations and Engagement, CNIB; Chair, WBU Youth Committee and **Praveena Sukhraj-Ely**, Advocate of the High Court of South Africa; Principal Officer, ICEVI

Topic 1: Realizing our dreams

Speaker: **Yoshimi Horiuchi**, Always Reading Caravan, Japan

Topic 2: Being a blind youth and being bullied

Speaker: **Molly Burke**, Canada

Topic 3: Youth engagement, implications for WBU

Speaker: **Jason Ho**, WBU-AP, Hong Kong

Interactive Dialogue with Participants

10:30 – 11:00 Tea Break

### **11:00 – 12:30 WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Sessions**

#### **WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Session 19: Youth leadership and empowerment**

**Location: Grand Ballrooms CDE, level 1**

**Simultaneous interpretation available**

Chair: **Maria Cristina Sanz**, Regional Chairperson, ICEVI Latin America

Topic 1: Participation and empowerment of adolescents and youth with visual impairment

Speakers: **Martias Ferreyra** and **Uriel Weicman**, MATE Network, Tiflonexos Civil Association

Topic 2: Institutional leadership



Speakers: **Carlos Ferrari, Natalia Guala** and **Fernando Galarraga**, Scientific Technical Committee, ULAC

Topic 3: Youth engagement in Europe and the World  
Speaker: **Jessica Schröder**, Head International Relations,  
Deutscher Blinden- und Sehbehindertenverband

### **WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Session 20: Preparation for Employment**

**Location: Salons 1 and 2, level 2**

Chair: **Praveena Sukhraj-Ely**, Advocate of the High Court of South Africa; Principal Officer, ICEVI

Topic 1: The skills for success in employment  
Speaker: **Karen Wolffe**, Career Counselling & Consultation, LLC

Topic 2: Higher education opportunities and challenges  
Speaker: **Aria Indrawati**, President, Indonesia Blind Union

Topic 3: Preparation for employment: A Sri Lankan perspective  
Speaker: **Manique Gunaratne**, Federation of the Visually Handicapped

### **WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Session 21: Engagement with Youth Organizations**

**Location: Salons 3 and 4, level 2**

Chair: **Jason Ho**, WBU-AP, Hong Kong

Interactive Dialogue with WBU Youth Committee

### **WBU-ICEVI Concurrent Session 22: Sports and Recreation: Possibilities for social engagement, self-advocacy and Empowerment**

**Location: Salons 5 and 6, level 2**

Chair: **Enrique Pérez**, Second Vice-President, WBU

Topic 1: Role of physical activity and sport

Speaker: **Mizael Conrado**, Brazilian Paralympic Committee

Topic 2: The paralympic experience

Speaker: **Jannie Hammershøi**, President, International Blind Sports Federation

Topic 3: From Couch Potato to Iron Man athlete: Life-long fitness and how to get moving

Speaker: **Diane Bergeron**, Executive Director, Strategic Relations and Engagement, CNIB; Chair, WBU Youth Committee

12:30 – 2:00 Lunch Break

## **2:00 – 4:00 WBU-ICEVI Joint Closing Ceremonies and Awards Presentations**

**Location: Grand Ballrooms CDE, level 1**

Co-Chairs: **Arnt Holte**, President, WBU and **Colin Low**, President, ICEVI

- Presentation of ICEVI Awards
- Presentation of WBU Awards
  - Honorary Life Members
  - Louis Braille Medal
- Presentation of WBU Executive Committee 2016-2020
- Presentation of incoming WBU President
- Farewell to retiring WBU Table Officers
- Farewell by outgoing WBU President
- Expressions of Appreciation
- Closing Remarks by **Colin Low**, President, ICEVI
- Closing Remarks by WBU incoming President
- Close of WBU General Assembly

## **4:00 – 6:00 ICEVI Regional Meetings**

- Africa, **Location: Salon 7, level 2**
- East Asia, **Location: Salon 8, level 2**
- Europe, **Location: Salon 9, level 2**
- Latin America, **Location: Salon 10, level 2**
- North America and the Caribbean, **Location: Salon 11, level 2**
- Pacific, **Location: Salon 12, level 2**
- West Asia, **Location: Salon 13, level 2**

## **4:30 – 6:00 WBU Executive Committee Meeting**

**Location: Salon 14, level 2**

## **7:30 Gala Dinner**

Organized by Local host, NFB

# **ICEVI General Assembly and Executive Meeting**

**Thursday, August 25**

## **9:00 – 12:30 ICEVI General Assembly**

**Location: Salons 3 and 4, level 2**

12:30 – 2:00 Lunch Break

## **2:00 – 4:00 ICEVI Executive Committee Meeting**

**Location: Salon 1, level 2**

## **Evening Sessions**

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All Evening Sessions will take place from **6:30-7:30pm** on the following dates.

### **Friday, August 19**

#### **Evening Session 1: Session for Blind and Partially Sighted Women**

**Location: Salons 11 and 12, level 2**

Organized by WBU

### **Saturday, August 20**

#### **Evening Session 2: Workshop on Marrakesh Treaty**

**Location: Salon 6, level 2**

English session, Arabic interpretation available

Speaker: **Caitlin Reid**, Communications Officer and Project Coordinator – Marrakesh Treaty Ratification and Implementation Campaign, WBU

#### **Evening Session 3: Workshop on CRPD, SDG and Human Rights instruments**

**Location: Salon 5, level 2**

French session

Speaker: **José Maria Viera**, Human Rights Policy Advisor, WBU

### **Sunday, August 21**

#### **Evening Session 4: Workshop on Marrakesh Treaty**

**Location: Salon 6, level 2**

Spanish session

Speaker: **Pablo Lecuona**, Chair, Latin American Marrakesh Ratification Campaign

**Evening Session 5: Workshop on CRPD, SDG and Human Rights instruments**

**Location: Salon 5, level 2**

English session, Arabic interpretation available

Speakers: **José Maria Viera**, Human Rights Policy Advisor,  
WBU and  
**African Union of the Blind**

**Evening Session 6: Workshop on Non 24**

**Location: Salon 7, level 2**

Speaker: **Vanda Pharmaceuticals Inc.**

**Evening Session 7: Workshop on KNFB Reader**

**Location: Salon 8, level 2**

Speaker: **James Gashel**, Vice-President, Business  
Development and Product Evangelist, KNFB  
Reader, LLC/NFB

**Tuesday, August 23**

**Evening Session 8: Workshop on Marrakesh Treaty**

**Location: Salon 7, level 2**

French session

Speaker: **Caitlin Reid**, Communications Officer and Project  
Coordinator – Marrakesh Treaty Ratification and  
Implementation Campaign, WBU

**Evening Session 9: Workshop on CRPD, SDG and Human Rights instruments**

**Location: Salon 6, level 2**

Spanish session

Speaker: **José Maria Viera**, Human Rights Policy Advisor,  
WBU

**Evening Session 10: Workshop on Project Aspiro**

**Location: Salon 8, level 2**

Speaker: **Karen Wolfe**, Career Counselling & Consultation,  
LLC

**Evening Session 11: Workshop on Audio Description**

**Location: Salon 11, level 2**

Speaker: **Joel Snyder**, President, Audio Description  
Associates

**Evening Session 12: Networking and discussion  
meeting for parents of children with visual  
impairments for local and international participants**

**Location: Salon 12, level 2**

Facilitator: **Susan LaVenture**, Executive Director, NAVPI of  
Lighthouse Guild

## **Members of Various Committees**

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### **Members of International Organizing Committee**

#### **WBU**

- Arnt Holte, Chair
- Penny Hartin
- Fredric Schroeder
- Charles Mossop

#### **ICEVI**

- Colin Low
- M.N.G. Mani
- Kay Ferrell

#### **NFB**

- Marc Maurer
- Mark Riccobono
- John Berggren
- Mary Ellen Jernigan

### **WBU and ICEVI Events Support**

- Maggie Leung

### **Members of Local Organizing Committee**

#### **NFB**

- Marc Maurer
- Mark Riccobono
- Pam Allen
- Mary Ellen Jernigan
- John Berggren

#### **Other members**

- Charles Mossop, WBU NA-C and CNIB
- Carl Augusto, AFB

- John Rafferty, CNIB
- David Power, Perkins School for the Blind

## **Members of Joint Program Committee**

### **WBU**

- Fredric Schroeder, Chair
- Arnt Holte
- Penny Hartin
- Enrique Pérez
- Maryanne Diamond (WBU Lead for Joint days)

### **ICEVI**

- Frances Gentle (ICEVI Lead for Joint days)
- Colin Low
- M.N.G. Mani
- Kay Ferrell
- Susan LaVenture

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## **Members of ICEVI Day Program Committee**

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- Praveena Sukhraj-Ely
- Kay Ferrell
- Krisztina Kovács
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