International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment

World Conference and General Assembly

14 to 17 November 2024 | Ahmedabad, INDIA

Second Announcement
The International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) will hold its World Conference and General Assembly in Ahmedabad India on 14 – 17 November 2024. The World Conference is hosted by the Blind People's Association (BPA) and Sense International India, in collaboration with Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad, which is renowned for its higher education program promoting “Education for All”. The University campus is the venue for the conference.

**Conference Theme and Schedule**

The broad theme of the conference is **“Inclusion in Diversity: Equity and Accessibility for All”**.

Following is the tentative schedule:

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<td>14(^{th}) November 2024</td>
<td>Official inauguration, one plenary session and 12 parallel sessions</td>
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<td>15(^{th}) November 2024</td>
<td>Two plenary sessions and 12 parallel sessions</td>
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<td>16(^{th}) November 2024</td>
<td>Three plenary sessions and Closing session</td>
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| 4    | 17\(^{th}\) November 2024 | **Forenoon** : Regional Meetings of the Delegates from ICEVI’s seven regions and Regional Elections  
**Afternoon** : ICEVI General Assembly |

The Conference will feature pre- and post-conference workshops and a dedicated exhibition area for trade displays and service providers. Details will be available in the subsequent announcements released in the coming months.

**Keynote Presenters**

The keynote speakers for the conference include Dr. Aubrey Webson, Former Chief of UNICEF and currently Ambassador of Antigua and Barbados to the United Nations, Ana Peláez (ONCE), Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Gertrude Oforiwa Fefoame, Chairperson of UNCRPD Committee, Mirko Baur, President, Deafblind International, Richard Orme, CEO and Dipendra Manocha, DAISY, Shruti Liata Singh, Sr Specialist Network Support, Sense India and many other internationally renowned speakers. The plenary sessions will focus on Human Rights, Technology, Gender, Multiple disabilities and Youth development.

**Call for Papers – Deadline Approaching**

The Call for Papers and Abstract Submission Form can be found on [www.icevi2024wc.org](http://www.icevi2024wc.org) – a dedicated website for the World Conference and General Assembly, ICEVI website [www.icevi.org](http://www.icevi.org) and on the ICEVI West Asia website [https://iceviwestasia.in](https://iceviwestasia.in). The e-mail address for submitting Abstract is: icevi2024wc@gmail.com and oficevi@gmail.com. The submissions include seminar and conference style presentations, poster sessions, workshops on specific topics,
demonstrations of assistive devices, etc. The deadline for the submission of abstracts either by online or off-line is **31 January 2024**.

### Registration – Make use of Early Bird Facility

The conference is expecting over 1000 participants from nearly 150 countries. The registration options are as follows:

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<td>Registration before 31st March 2024</td>
<td>US$ 400 or INR equivalent as per the exchange rate on the day of registration</td>
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<td>Registration after 1st April 2024</td>
<td>US$ 450</td>
<td>US$ 250 / INR 20500</td>
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The registration fee is inclusive of conference materials, conference bag, welcome reception and Gala dinner. Registrations can be made online and the bank details for the transfer of registration fee are as follows:

**For Indian delegates:**

Account Name : **International Council for the Education of People with Visual Impairment**

Account Number : 9160100366533881

Type of Account : Savings

Bank Name & Address : **Axis Bank**

Near Prerna Tirth Derasar, Jodhpur, Satellite, Ahmedabad - 380 015

IFSC Code : UTIB0002647

MICR Code : 380211044

**For Non-Indian delegates:**

Bank Name : **State Bank of India**

Branch name : FCRA Cell, New Delhi Main Branch, 11, Parliament Street, New Delhi - 110 001

Account Number : 40175758331

9 digit number (MICR number) : 110002001

Swift Code : SBININBB104

IFSC CODE : SBIN0000691

Name of Account : **Blind People’s Association (India)**
Hotels

Following are the details of the hotels available in the vicinity of the conference. Booking for hotels may be done directly or with the assistance of the Host Committee. Assistance with hostel accommodation at affordable rates will also be provided, if required, by the Host Committee.

A. Guest House:

1. **Stop and Stay Atithi Gruh, Dada Bhagwan Trimandir**
   Mobile : +91 79398 30300
   **Tariff:**
   1. Double Bed AC with Bath | **Rs. 1400** | (Family of 4 can stay in one room)
   2. Amba Suits | **Rs. 3500** | Equivalent to 3 star hotel

2. **Sola Bhagwat Vidhyapith**
   Sarkhej Gandhinagar Highway, Ahmedabad – 380 060
   **Tariff:**
   1. Double Bed (AC) | **Rs. 950**
   2. Triple Occupancy (AC) | **Rs. 1500**
   3. Executive Room (AC) | **Rs. 1800**

B. Hotel:

1. **Hotel Pragati The Grand - 36 Rooms**
   B/s. Zydus Hospital, Hebatpur Road, S.G. Highway, Thaltej, Ahmedabad Gujarat – 380 059.
   Mobile : +91 81603 09044 & +91 72279 05983
   E-mail : contact@hotelpragatithegrand.com
   **Tariff:**
   1. Single occupancy with breakfast only | **Rs. 3000** including GST
   2. Double occupancy with breakfast only | **Rs. 4000** including GST

Sponsorship Opportunities

ICEVI has earmarked limited funds for each region to support the participation of key presenters and delegates from the region. In most cases, the sponsorship maybe partial. You may contact the chairperson of the respective regions of ICEVI for any assistance regarding the sponsorship. The contact details of the regional presidents of ICEVI can be found on the website [www.ICEVI.org](http://www.ICEVI.org)

Visas

The Host Committee, headed by Dr. Bhushan Punani, will assist conference delegates with the issuance of invitation letters to obtain visas for attending the conference.
ICEVI is delighted to host the 2024 World Conference and General Assembly. We look forward to welcoming you in-person to Ahmedabad India.

Program Committee

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