Global cooperation on Assistive Health Technology
Health intervention
Changing scenario

20 Century

Ageing

RTI

21 Century

NC

CD

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Changing Demographics
Changing Demographics
20 Century: Preventing or treating a disease

21 Century: It is also about living healthy & productive lives

Vaccines

Medical devices including diagnostics

Medicines

Assistive Health Products

World Health Organization
One in ten can access Assistive Health Technology (ACT)
Estimated Need

- **Can access**
- **Cannot access**

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Estimated Need
1 in 10

If we do not act then

1 in 20
How can we change it?
Opportunities

- CRPD especially Art 32
- WHO Disability POA 2014-2021
- Universal Health Coverage (UHC)
- Assistive Health Technology

World Health Organization
United Nations High Level Meeting on Disability and Development

High-Level Side Event on how Assistive Technology Opens Doors

On 23rd September the Government of Philippines in partnership with United Nations Economic and Social Affairs and the World Health Organization hosted a high-level event titled "Assistive Technology Opens Doors". The main aim of the side event was to discuss economic practices from a broad range of stakeholders, including the Republic of Philippines, to identify possible mechanisms for improved international cooperation on AT as part of the country’s commitment and its inclusion in the forthcoming international normative framework on disability.

This side event was also a move towards fulfilling a major obligation of the international community: Article 32, "call for international cooperation for the realisation of objectives regarding the use of technology (AT)".

The event was supported by Exceed (formerly The Cambodia Trust), International Labour Organization (ILO), and the World Health Organization (WHO).
1st GATE Meeting: Geneva 3-4th July 2014

Industry

Users

Academia

International Organisations

WHO
Goal: To Improve Access
Tentative Agenda

- Developing and establishing GATE
- Conducting a Global Survey
- Developing a list of essential assistive health products
- Encouraging innovation and research
- Improving access – more products at an affordable cost
- Evidence summit in 2015
- Global summit and launching of GATE in 2016.
Concrete actions

- Redefining definitions
- Creating a list of essential assistive health products
- Creating a sense of urgency for a greater investment in AHT
Some concrete actions
Twin-track approach

Specific Assistive Health Products

Single window service provision
Specific Assistive Health Products
Comprehensive AHT & Minimum Assistive Health Technology (MAT)
Comprehensive AHT
MAT Package - single window approach

National Centre
Tertiary Care Centre

District hospitals/
secondary care centres
Specialized Centres

Primary Health Care Centres
WHO needs your support to open the gate