



Global Survey of ICT Accessibility Practices

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Background | A Shared Vision



- G3ict and AMAC are Atlanta neighbors
- Shared Vision: Envision a world where students with disabilities have an equal opportunity for academic success in higher education
- Share work in ICT accessibility within higher education: AMAC from a practical, service delivery standpoint, G3ict from the perspective of moving forward the implementation of the CRPD in all arenas, including higher education

Background | The Big Question



- What can we do together to accelerate the sharing of successful ICT accessibility practices across higher education around the world?
- G3ict – Significant global connections
- AMAC –Significant practical applications: training and technical assistance within all aspects of ICT accessibility
- You – Are Partners in this conspiracy!

Background | Where to Begin?



- Created a one page vision, purpose, goals and timeline.
- Purpose: G3ict and AMAC Accessibility Solutions and Research Center commit to advance and accelerate the adoption of promising practices and policies for ICT accessibility in higher education throughout the world. A promising practice or policy for ICT accessibility in higher education is one that aligns with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Background | Goals for 2016



G3ict and AMAC will:

- Identify successful practices and policies for ICT accessibility in higher education.
- Publish and promote the sharing of these findings through multiple avenues to reach the broadest range of potential adopters.
- Identify gaps and needs for ongoing technical assistance and training to advance and accelerate the adoption of the successful practices and policies.

Background | Goals Cont.



- We will identify strategies to:
 - promote the on-going sharing of promising practices and resources for ICT accessibility among institutions of higher education; and,
 - address ongoing needs for technical assistance and training.

Background | Outputs



- A White Paper of at least ten promising practices and supporting policies will be shared with 5,000 universities throughout the world.
- Ten to twelve global leaders of promising ICT practices for ICT accessibility in higher education will serve on a Steering Committee co-lead by AMAC and G3ict.
- The Steering Committee will provide input to finalize a survey to identify ICT promising practices of 50 selected universities located in each of the continents.

Background | Outputs Cont.



- The Steering Committee will identify contacts of higher education in their country/continent who will participate in a survey of ICT practices and policies of their university.
- Members of the Steering Committee will attend and present at one-day Higher Ed Forum on June 14, 2015.
- Forum participants will identify continents/regions to replicate the Forum (2 per yr. between 2017 -2020).
- Survey and Forum report identifies not only promising practices and policies but also the gaps and needs for on-going technical assistance and training support.

Background | Survey as First Step



- Zerrin Ondin, my colleague at AMAC, will present the survey and findings as the first step of a multi-year process.
- We invite you to be a part of this process, the possibility of a worldwide collaboration to make access to higher education an equal access opportunity for all.
- Thank YOU and let's continue the conversation!