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## AT CENTERS LEADERSHIP NETWORK

### MEMBERS' CHARTER

#### Members of the AT Centers Leadership Network:

1. **Affirm the universality, indivisibility, interdependence and interrelatedness of all human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons with disabilities** and commit to help eliminate attitudinal and environmental barriers that hinders the full and effective participation in society of persons with disabilities on an equal basis with others
2. **Are committed to further the full implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** and of its dispositions on ICT accessibility and Assistive Technologies (AT)
3. **Involve persons with disabilities in their organization by:**
  - a. Having persons with disabilities participate in their governance or decision-making processes
  - b. Employing persons with disabilities
  - c. Following consultative processes with organizations representing persons with disabilities
4. **Seek to offer and implement Assistive Technologies solutions allowing persons with disabilities with a diverse range of needs to gain the greatest possible level of independence** and of enjoyment of opportunities on an equal basis with others. To this end, they serve or partner with multiple networks of organizations working with persons with disabilities in areas such as education, the workplace, independent living and rehabilitation.
5. **Support the development of professional expertise**, certification and education required to further the development of AT Centers around the world and contribute in

their respective countries to promote capacity building programs for Assistive Technologies professionals.

6. **Proactively support policies and programs aligned with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in their respective countries.** To this end, Members:
  - a. Raise the awareness of the Convention among organizations of persons with disabilities, policy makers, media and civil society at large
  - b. Make themselves available to serve as experts to assist decision makers developing policies and programs
  - c. Promote international cooperation and publicize international benchmarks and good practices made available to them by the AT Centers Leadership Network
  - d. Share a public profile on the AT Centers Leadership Network web pages including basic information of their activities and interests
  - e. Are willing and able to share know-how, competences and intellectual resources with colleagues from around the world among members of the AT Centers Leadership Network.
  
7. **Help educate government and civil society in implementing the General Obligations relative to Assistive Technologies defined by article 4 of the Convention and notably to:**
  - a. Undertake or promote research and development of universally designed goods, services, equipment and facilities which should require the minimum possible adaptation and the least cost to meet the specific needs of a person with disabilities, to promote their availability and use, and to promote Universal Design in the development of standards and guidelines;
  - b. Undertake or promote research and development of, and to promote the availability and use of new technologies, including information and communications technologies, mobility aids, devices and assistive technologies, suitable for persons with disabilities, giving priority to technologies at an affordable cost;
  - c. Provide accessible information to persons with disabilities about mobility aids, devices and assistive technologies, including new technologies, as well as other forms of assistance, support services and facilities;
  - d. Promote the training of professionals and staff working with persons with disabilities in the rights recognized by the Convention so as to better provide the assistance and services guaranteed by those rights.