

**Special Session**  
**on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities into Humanitarian Action –**  
**4 – 5pm, 23<sup>rd</sup> May –**

Thank you.

Ladies and gentlemen,

CBM has endorsed the Charter for inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action as a whole and commits to its implementation through a series of commitments and actions.

In particular CBM commits to continue its collaboration with other organizations and stakeholders to make inclusion real at all levels of humanitarian action from global policy to local level implementation. Working with a wide range of local and international partners, CBM commits to continue to build bridges and linkages between the humanitarian sectors and organizations of persons with disabilities to enhance cross-learning, development of tools, guidelines and leadership, hence promoting the empowerment, skills and capacities of persons with disabilities and their representative organizations as part of the humanitarian community and increasing the level of understanding of disability inclusion by mainstream humanitarian actors.

Last year CBM committed to the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, which provides the structure required to ensure that persons with disabilities are fully included in building resilience to disaster. We will work to build synergy between DRR and humanitarian policies and programs keeping the red line focus of disability inclusion but always looking at the whole of society. CBM's approach to work with organizations of persons with disabilities guarantees that our humanitarian responses take into consideration local knowledge, expertise and understanding of the context in relation to disability.