Event Details

**Title of Event**
Cities Celebrating Diversity: Effective engagement of Persons with Disabilities in New Urban Agenda implementation

**Organization Details**
**Organization:** World Blind Union (WBU)
**Organization Country:** Canada

**Summary**
Warmly welcome to this training! Cities grow, change and evolve every day. They are living breathing spaces that can either hinder and exclude, or embrace and celebrate, diversity and the heritage of those that live within them. As cities expand to meet the ever growing pressures of demographic growth, migration and climate change there is an urgency to find proactive ways to contribute towards cities that can meet the shared well-being, prosperity and harmony of all. To create inclusive and accessible cities for all requires an approach that celebrates and values diversity and seeks to harness the abilities and contributions of all inhabitants. With the estimate that over 6 billion people, 15% of which with disabilities, are predicted to be living in cities by 2050 there is increased impetus and urgency to plan and design cities which respond to dramatically changing urban demographics; ensuring equal access to services and spaces for all to contribute towards shared prosperity. Acknowledging the global commitments made in the 2030 Agenda and New Urban Agenda, along obligations under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with disabilities, this training sets out to enhance the collective understanding of how human rights and design principles can be translated into practice, to accelerate inclusive transformative change towards inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements where no-one is left behind. The training will offer enhanced collective understanding of the key challenges to full inclusion in the planning and design processes of today, and will take stock of existing and emerging best practices and innovations in disability inclusion. The training, facilitated by experts from organisations of persons with disabilities from different regions will have the space to elaborate and share on how culture and norms can both impede and promote disability inclusive urban development, while recording the classic pitfalls in existing urban planning and design practices. Participants will be equipped with the “how to” approach disability inclusion in their fields and how to draw upon existing global frameworks, lessons learnt and best practices on disability inclusion in urban development. Participants, to be comprised of city planners, designers, decision-makers and other urban stakeholders will have enhanced knowledge and confidence on how the commitments in the New Urban Agenda and the urban dimension of the 2030 Agenda can be translated into tangible practices, strategies and programs to respond to present and emerging challenges. In doing so, challenges can be converted into opportunities for sustainable change and more liveable cities.
Other Organization name
CBM International, General Assembly of Partners- Persons with Disabilities PCG