

# Workshop: Application of Article 33 CRPD



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Dear Sir or Madam,

Let me first introduce myself. My name is Jack Smith and I am the Executive Director of the National Disability Commission of Wonderland which is a small unitary State. I am contacting you in relation to Article 33 CRPD. We feel we would benefit from external expertise that would help us evaluate the best way to implement this provision with a view to ratifying the Convention.

You will find enclosed a copy of Articles 21 and 22 of our Equal Opportunities Act which outline the role and composition of our National Disability Commission. As you will see, we coordinate with various government departments to ensure that disability issues are mainstreamed in policy making and investigate claims of discrimination against disabled people. Representatives of the organisations of persons with disabilities sit on the board of the National Disability Commission.

The Ministry of Social Affairs is responsible for matters related to disability. We also have an Ombudsman but his role is restricted to investigating claims of maladministration. Organisations of persons with disabilities are very poorly resourced and are not really organised.

I would like therefore to invite you for a two-day trip in our country to help us in implementing Article 33 CRPD. There would be meetings with our board, the Ministry of Social Affairs and organisations of persons with disabilities.

I hope you will be able to help us.

Best regards,

Jack Smith

# Questions

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- ❑ Who should be the focal point(s), the coordination mechanism and the independent mechanism(s) in Wonderland?
- ❑ What changes should possibly be brought to existing bodies?