

International Day for Persons with Disabilities 2008

NOWPDP organized a series of workshops aimed at capacity building for the representatives of its member organizations, followed by a focus group session where they discussed challenges and issues, ending in a seminar aimed at highlighting the legal benefits and frameworks catering to PWDs.

Capacity Development Workshops

On 2nd December 2008, representatives of NOWPDP's member organizations across Pakistan were invited to attend a series of full day workshops on organizational management and leadership skills. More than a 100 attendees nationwide attended the sessions that was conducted by leading trainers.

Open Forum

On 3rd December, an Open Forum was held at the Regent Plaza Karachi. Representatives of member organizations, PWDs and professionals well-versed in the area of disabilities attended the session. The Open Forum aimed to:

- Outline the broad challenges and common obstacles faced by organizations and PWDs
- Highlight solutions.
- Converge people from all walks of life on a common platform to encourage proactive advocacy
- Help NOWPDP plan its programmatic activities for the upcoming year.

'Access and Employment' Seminar

The 'Access and Employment' Seminar followed the Open Forum session, on 3rd December, 2008 at Marriott Hotel, Karachi. The Access & Employment Seminar aimed to bring forth the hurdles PWDs faced.

Speakers, Mr. Abid Sattar and Mr. Abid Shaban, both reputed lawyers experienced in the field of disability highlighted the legal frameworks and benefits available for PWDs in Pakistan, and the problems arising in implementation in their speeches.

The entire event was designed in line with the theme – Convention for the Rights of People with Disabilities: Dignity and Justice for All of Us.