

The Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Climate Adaptation Policies

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1. Brief Introduction to the Field of Climate Adaptation

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long-term planning based on climate risk models and projections (and involving multiple stakeholders)

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Direct, e.g. *geophysical and health impacts*

Indirect, e.g. *climate migration; water conflicts*

2. Why are people with disabilities disproportionately affected by climate impacts?

British Columbia

Hundreds died during B.C.'s heat dome. Who is responsible for deaths caused by extreme heat?



The background image shows a multi-story brick building with many windows. A sign on the left side of the building reads "EMERGENCY". In the foreground, a person is lying on a yellow stretcher on a paved surface. The legs and feet of another person, wearing dark pants and shoes, are visible next to the stretcher. The scene appears to be an outdoor emergency situation.

91% of the victims had a disability

(schizophrenia, substance use disorder, epilepsy, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, depression, asthma, mood and anxiety disorders, and diabetes)

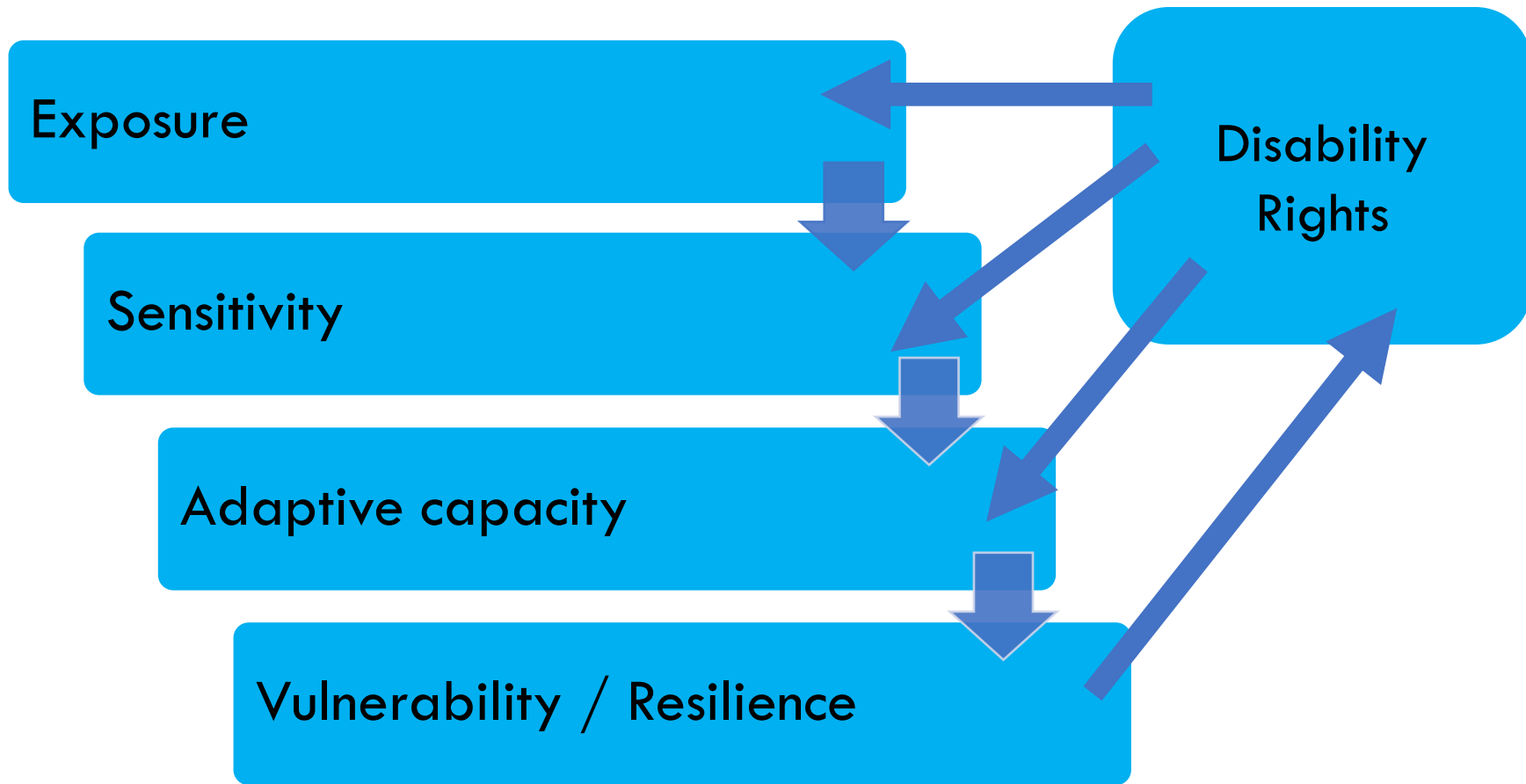
Exposure

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graph TD; A[Exposure] --> B[Sensitivity]; B --> C[Adaptive capacity]; C --> D[Vulnerability / Resilience];
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Sensitivity

Adaptive capacity

Vulnerability / Resilience



3. Are people with disabilities and their rights included in global climate adaptation policies?

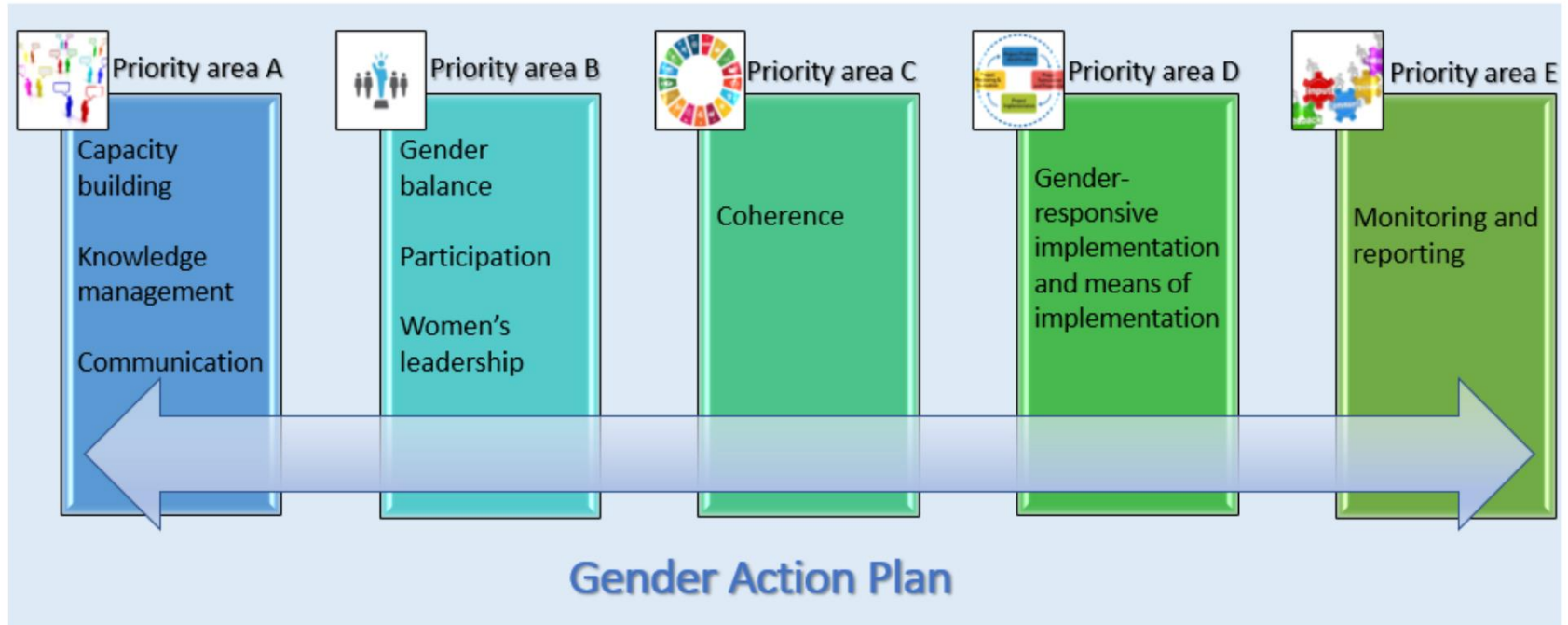


16 references to people with disabilities in the multilateral climate regime (1992-2022)



Most references to disability are vague
and there is only one concrete measure
for disability inclusion

Persons with disabilities need a dedicated action plan



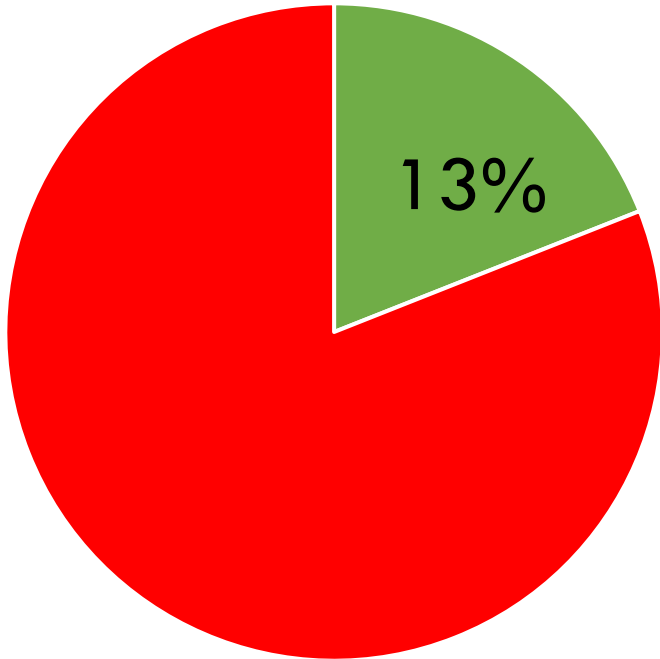
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DISABILITY RIGHTS IN NATIONAL CLIMATE POLICIES

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References to Disability in Nationally Determined Contributions



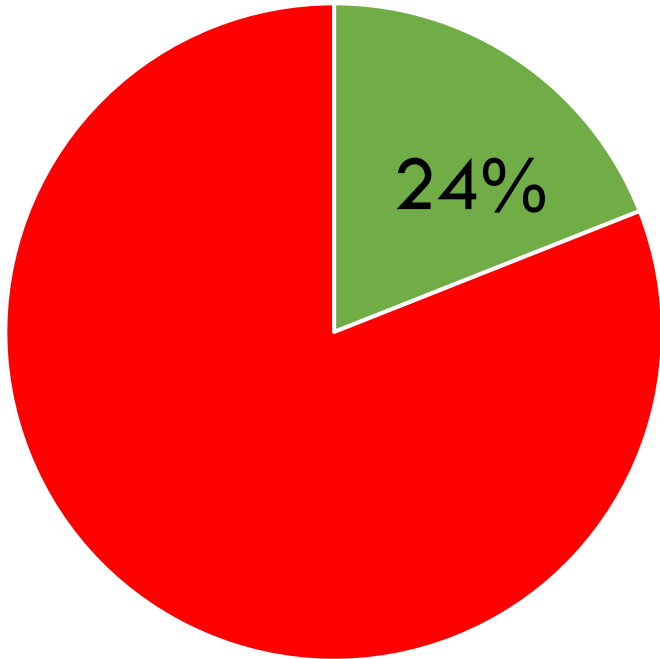
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are vague



Vanuatu's Revised and Enhanced 1ST Nationally Determined Contribution 2021–2030

References to Disability in Key Adaptation Policies



Only 46 parties to the *Paris Agreement* mention disability in their adaptation policies

Only 15 policies include concrete measures to enhance the climate resilience of people with disabilities

Disability Rights in Adaptation Policies

Concrete Measures for Disability Inclusion

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References to Disability Rights

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Recognition of the Knowledge of People with Disabilities

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Recognition of the Participation of People with Disabilities

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Evidence of the Involvement of People with Disabilities in
Adaptation Policy Development

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