The MARRAKESH TREATY

to facilitate access to published works for persons who are blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled

What?

The MARRAKESH TREATY is the first international treaty administered by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) that guarantees the right of persons with disabilities to access copyrighted works.

PRINT DISABLED CANNOT: READ TEXTS, HOLD A BOOK OR TURN PAGES DUE TO VISUAL, LEARNING, OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY

ACCESSIBLE FORMATS ➔ BRAILLE NEED ➔ AUDIO ABC ➔ LARGE PRINT

Why?

BOOK FAMINE

LESS THAN 1% OF PUBLISHED BOOKS ARE MADE INTO FORMATS ACCESSIBLE TO PRINT DISABLED PERSONS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Source: the World Blind Union (WBU)

EXCLUSION

OVER 75% OF BLIND AND VISUALLY-IMPAIRED PEOPLE OF WORKING AGE UNEMPLOYED

Source: WBU

MORE THAN 80% OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES LIVE IN POVERTY

Source: the United Nations

Act Now!

Join & Implement the MARRAKESH TREATY.

“Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities.

ONLY 7 COUNTRIES IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC HAVE BECOME PART OF THE MARRAKESH TREATY SO FAR (NOV 2017)

“Leave no one behind.”
“Reach the furthest behind first.”

Achieve SDGs