The MARRAKESH TREATY

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

What?
INT’L TREATY ADMINISTERED BY A UN AGENCY, WIPO
FIRST COPYRIGHT TREATY WITH HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLES AT ITS CORE, ADOPTED IN 2013

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

ACCESSIBLE FORMATS

→ NEED
BRaille
ABC LARGE PRINT

MORE BOOKS
AND OTHER PUBLISHED WORKS AVAILABLE IN ACCESSIBLE FORMATS
REALIZE THE RIGHT TO KNOWLEDGE

MORE OPPORTUNITIES
FOR PRINT DISABLED PEOPLE IN EDUCATION, JOB, AND CULTURE

REMOVE LEGAL BARRIERS
FOR PRODUCTION AND CROSS-COUNTRY SHARING OF ACCESSIBLE FORMAT COPIES

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.”