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**Implementing the WHO global Dementia action plan into policy**

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In this presentation, I will outline the response of Dementia Alliance International members and provide a pathway for national and regional dementia plans to incorporate and embed human rights into policy. "Dementia is one of the major causes of disability and dependency among older people worldwide." It is therefore essential policy is embedded with human rights. Within the WHO Global Action Plan for a Public Health Approach to Dementia, adopted unanimously at the World Health Assembly in Geneva in May 2017, human rights, empowerment and accountability are characterized as three cross-cutting principles. Twelve years after the adoption of the CRPD by the UN General Assembly, these principles cannot be realised without full commitment to the General Principles and 33 Substantive Articles of the CRPD and its Optional

Protocol. All countries who have ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), must also consider the WHO's Global Disability and Development Action Plan, its revised Guidelines for Community-Based Rehabilitation and its new Quality Rights Indicators for Mental Health (including dementia) be considered in all plans for dementia, as well as full access to the CRPD and other Conventions. This presentation will highlight the importance of implementing human rights into policy and offer insights into how to apply them to change practice. Finally, this presentation will provide an overview of what is missing, in the implementation of all national dementia plans and strategies.

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