## 3rd Announcement 16.12.2020

**The 6th General Assembly of the World Federation of the Deafblind (WFDB) and 12th Helen Keller World Conference (HKWC)**

The 6th WFDB General Assembly and the 12th HKWC will be postponed until May 2022. This decision was reached due to the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic, to ensure the health and safety of all participants, support persons and staff. The events are due to be organized in Nairobi, Kenya, May 4th -11th, 2022.

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly affected the ongoing planning process on multiple levels and is likely to influence future planning as well. Therefore, the procurement and venue selection process is unfortunately delayed. We hope to be able to provide you with updated information on the selected venue, participation fees, VISA, and accommodation costs etc. during the 2nd quarter of 2021. Further information on applications for donor funds, to support participants from the Global South, will also be shared once the venue is selected.

### Updated Preliminary program of events

Day 1: Wednesday, May 4th: Workshop & African Federation of the Deafblind (AFDB)

General Assembly, Other Regional meetings

Day 2: Thursday, May 5th: WFDB General Assembly

Day 3: Friday, May 6th: WFDB General Assembly

Day 4: Saturday, May 7th: No One Left Behind Day (NOLB)

Day 5**:** Sunday, May 8th: Field visit

Day 6: Monday, May 9th: HKWC

Day 7: Tuesday, May 10th: HKWC

Day 8: Wednesday, May 11th: HKWC

We kindly ask for your understanding in any delays that might occur during this process, and possible future amendments to the program caused by COVID-19.

### Conference theme

The main theme of the HKWC will be: *Empowering persons with deafblindness – Inclusion through investment and innovation.* Please see the 2nd Announcement of the Call for applications, with updated dates and information on how to hold plenary and workshop sessions, and a more detailed description of the main theme and topics of the conference. The Submission deadline for applications to hold plenary and/or workshop presentations at the HKWC 2022 is postponed until June 30th, 2021. The 2nd Announcement of the Call for applications and the updated Registration form is also available on our website: [www.wfdb.eu](http://www.wfdb.eu).

Welcome to the 6th WFDB General Assembly and the12th HKWC 2022.

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Best regards

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