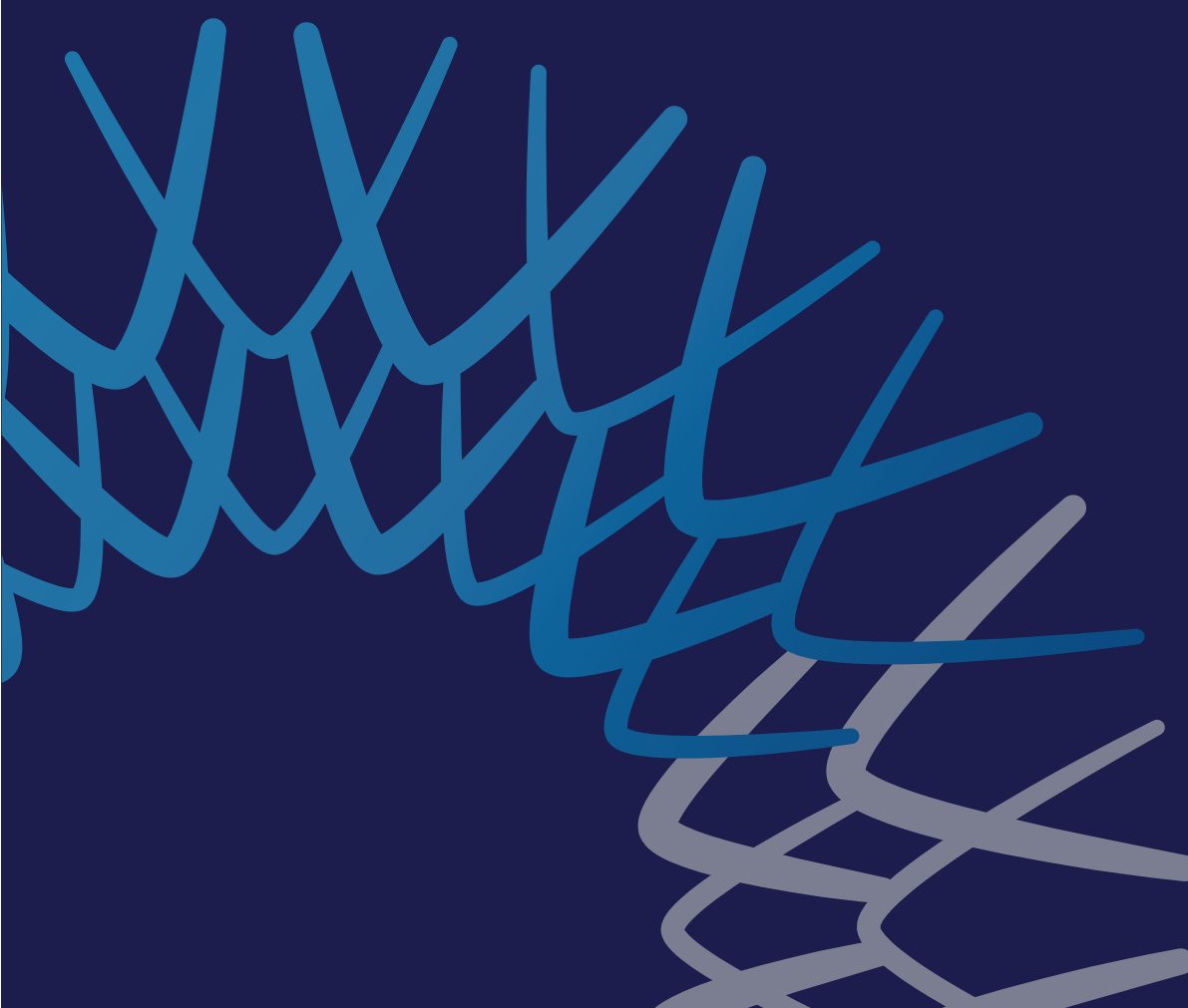


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Global Taskforce Programme



Overview

As part of its suite of membership offerings, **business disability international (bdi)** is now giving businesses the opportunity to join one or more functional global Taskforces focused on developing and delivering best practices in accessibility and inclusion within specific functional areas.

These Taskforces will enable functional leaders and experts to drive systemic improvement across their spheres of influence at global, regional, and national levels.

The first two Taskforces of the programme will be Procurement and Property, with later offerings likely to include Customers, Recruitment, and Workplace Adjustments, among others.

> The Global Taskforce Programme will give members the opportunity to:



Join a unique 'network of networks' linking functional leaders, international standard setters, and people with disabilities



Minimise the organisational risks (legal, financial and reputational) associated with delivering an inconsistent response to the 1 billion+ disabled people worldwide



Raise their profile as thought leaders, pioneers and standard setters, and become ambassadors with global institutions and stakeholder networks



Shape **bdi** strategic objectives and determine the Taskforce work programme



Attend four meetings a year per Taskforce, and participate in sub-group activities



> Each Taskforce will add value by:



Working to define what 'good disability practice' looks like for its respective functional area, and what national leaders need from Head Office to minimise the risks associated with a compliance culture at national level



Developing a functional charter for Taskforce members to sign up to, providing a simple framework to easily deliver cost-effective organisational change in that area



Completing a gap analysis and co-creating the maturity models, self-assessment tools, and tailored toolkits which drive business improvement



Creating a unique, facilitated learning exchange which enables peer-to-peer collaboration, while learning directly from people with disabilities and subject-matter experts



Where relevant, lobbying suppliers and stakeholders to transform and improve their practices



Raising the profile of its members through comprehensive communications activities to promote the work of the Taskforce

Membership fee for each Taskforce will be £20,000 (+VAT) annually. The membership fee will co-fund the central resource to support Taskforce activities. Taskforces will be facilitated by **bdi** and its Founders. Full Members of **bdi** will have access to all **bdi** Taskforces as part of their £35,000 (+VAT) annual membership fee.

Introducing the Global Procurement Taskforce

The Global Procurement Taskforce will enable 'disability confident' procurement of products and services. Procurement has a profound impact on the ability of any corporation to deliver positive customer experiences, develop new products and services, source talent, increase employee wellbeing and productivity, and make a commercial return. However, the crucial and systemic role of procurement, which influences and interacts with so many other parts of an organisation, has been largely overlooked.



The business drivers:

- There is very little which meets the needs of a responsible global procurement team seeking to enable business excellence in this domain
- There is no usable, practical guidance on how to address the disability / accessibility performance dimension of procurement
- There are no tailored toolkits, useful benchmarks, maturity models, or learning networks to accelerate improvement



The global imperative:

- 160 countries have ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). The obligations set out in the CRPD impact any private sector supplier who delivers a public service. **bdi** has been invited to work with UN agencies and international donor organisations to provide guidance for businesses regarding the implications of the Convention
- A Taskforce of senior procurement professionals is uniquely placed to provide guidance on the procurement of public sector services from private sector companies, to ensure that governments meet their obligations under CRPD
- There is an exciting opportunity for the Global Procurement Taskforce to make it easier for both suppliers and public sector procurement worldwide to navigate complexities, while raising the profile of Taskforce members as responsible and innovative thought leaders

> The first Global Procurement Taskforce project: The accessible IT tendering toolkit

Purpose: To enable global, regional, and national procurement professionals to routinely purchase accessible and usable IT and IT-related services.

The end result: A bdi 'accessible IT tendering' toolkit, designed by procurement professionals, to make it easier to procure accessible and usable technology and to enable consistent and best procurement practices worldwide.



The toolkit will include:

- The rationale for greater accessibility / usability
- A guide and explanation of how to use the scorecard
- A scorecard with recommended weightings

The Taskforce is currently poised to pilot the accessible IT tendering toolkit and is seeking additional members to join the pilot.

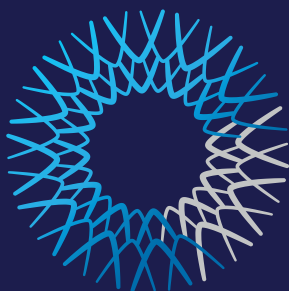
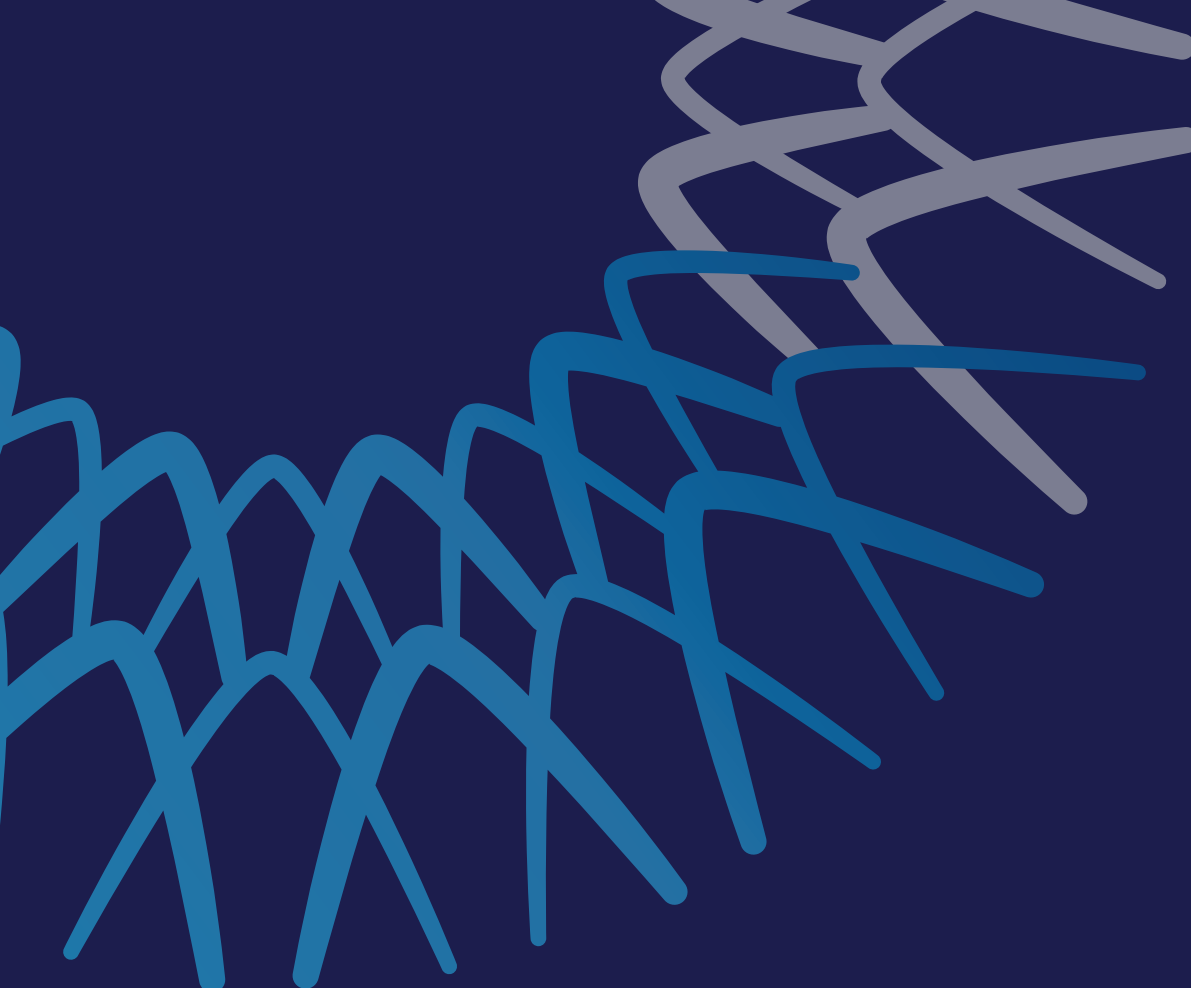
This work has been welcomed as groundbreaking by G3ict, the UN-related body which encourages governments to meet their 'e-discrimination'-related obligations under the Convention.

> How will membership of the Global Procurement Taskforce benefit your business?



- Peer-to-peer collaboration among procurement leaders from multiple sectors
- Managing risks (financial, reputational, opportunity) associated with key suppliers adversely affecting the organisation's ability to do business with, and to employ, disabled and older people
- Competitive advantage from anticipating the proliferation of accessibility, human rights, and disability procurement-related standards such as those from the EU relating to ITC and the built environment

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