

# **International Policies on Disability**

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Disability policies have changed internationally due to shift from the medical model to the social model of disability. Disability is now considered as a human rights issue under international law. This paper describes the United Nations role over the years in bringing about change in the way disability is understood.

Policy is the culmination of decisions regarding allocation of resources. Generally, resources mean money. In a perfect world, it would seem that all citizens would receive benefits related to their needs. However, resources are not infinite.