



## **Mission Statement**

The Kummissjoni Nazzjonali Persuni b'Dizabilita' (KNPD) commits itself to achieve





- an inclusive society
- equal opportunities in all aspects of life
- a quality of life of high standard
- the elimination of all forms of discrimination (direct, or indirect)
- to provide help and support according to need.









## KNPD Roles and Functions <sup>1</sup>

- Monitor the implementation of the Equal Opportunities Act
- Protect, promote and monitor the UN Convention on the
   Rights of Persons with Disability
- Investigate cases of discrimination
- Coordinate work in the disability sector.
- Raise awareness about disability issues



## **KNPD Roles and Functions <sup>2</sup>**

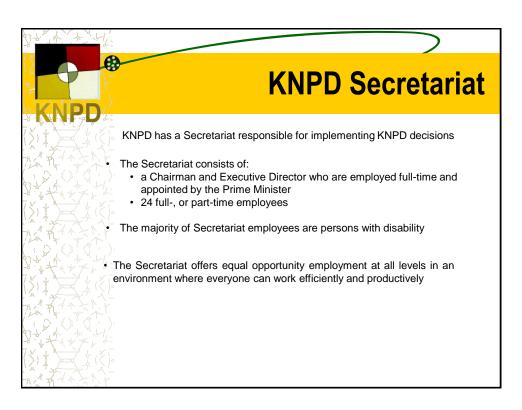
- Work in collaboration with disabled people and their representative organisations.
- Conduct investigations and research
- Monitor services provided for disabled persons
- Propose policies in the disability sector
- Ensure mainstreaming of disability issues



## **KNPD - Composition**

KNPD is made up of a Board of no less than 14 persons.

- 7 members are appointed from among those people who best represent the ministries responsible for the social, employment, health, education and economic sectors.
- 7 members are appointed from the voluntary sector, being people who best represent the interests of disabled people and their families, after consultation with disability organisations.
- 50% of KNPD members must be disabled persons or parents of disabled persons who cannot represent themselves.
- KNPD members are appointed by the Prime Minister on the recommendation of the minister responsible for the social sector.







# The Equal Opportunities (Persons with Disability) Act

#### The Reasonableness Board

- The Board has been constituted according to the Equal Opportunities Act
- The Board functions as an appeal board for Access for All Audits
- All the Board's decisions are based on the principal of Reasonableness
- When a KNPD decision is contested, it is taken before the Reasonableness Board
- It includes a strong representation of disabled people and parents of disabled people unable to represent themselves.

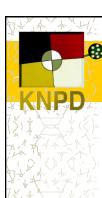


## The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

KNPD is empowered to promote, protect and monitor the implementation of the CRPD

- Raising awareness about the rights of persons with disabilities
- Investigating cases of discrimination on the grounds of disability
- Monitoring the government's work in implementing the CRPD.
- Setting up of Disabled Persons' Advisory Committee
- Report on Working Towards the Implementation of the CRPD in Malta

www.knpd.org/ legislation/un.html



## **KNPD Committees**

The KNPD Consultative Committee of Persons with Intellectual Disability (KCC) comprises 40 persons with intellectual disability. They elect from among them the 7-member Core Group who are aided by two support members.

The KCC functions on the lines of a self-advocacy group

KNPD is in the process of setting up a **Disabled Persons' Advisory Committee (DPAC)** in line with the requirements of Article 33.3 of the CRPD and according to international guidelines.

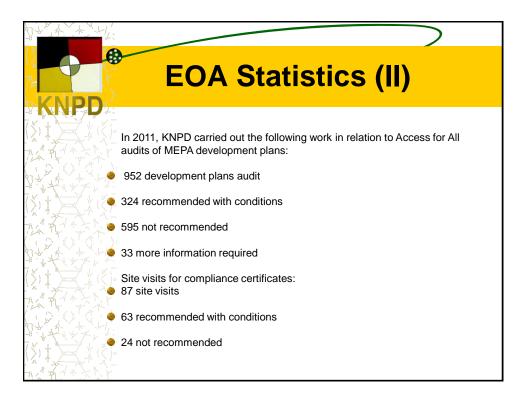
The DPAC will be consulted by KNPD in its work especially that related to its function as the Independent Mechanism of the CRPD.

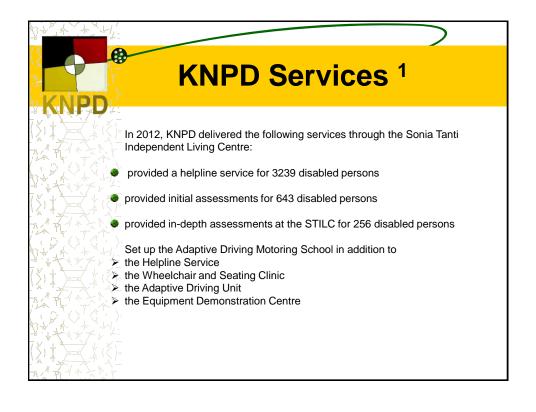


## **EOA Statistics (I)**

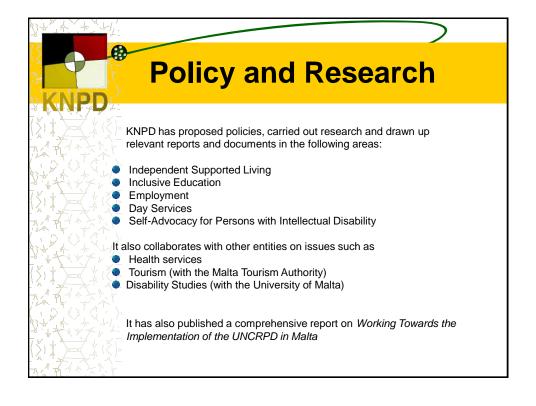
From October 2011 to September 2012, KNPD dealt with 274 cases of discrimination: 152 were pending and 122 were new.

- 24 about employment
- 53 about education
- 128 about physical accessibility
- 56 about goods, services and facilities
- 10 about housing
- 3 about insurance











## **Awareness Raising**

Work related to awareness raising includes among others:

- Disability Equality Training (2812 participants in 2012)
- Wenzu Dalli Resources Centre (1527 members)
- Disabled Persons' Week (3 to 10 December)
- Publications in accessible formats
- Development of website, Facebook page and Twitter account
- Participation in television and radio programmes and publication of newspaper articles and interviews
- Organisation of seminars and conferences and other events
- Participation in activities held by other entities



## **The European Union**

- KNPD is represented on the European Commission's Disability High Level Group and attends its meetings in Brussels
- It also takes part in the annual UNCRPD Work Forum and Disabled Persons' Parliament organised by the European Commission in Brussels
- KNPD is also an observer member of the European Disability
  Forum

