

Global Social Economy Forum 2018 invited Vivek Trivedi, Founder APSWDP at Bilbao in Spain



Global Social Economy Forum (GSEF) invited Mr. Vivek Trivedi, Founder, APSWDP to present social initiative taken by the association on Capacity Building and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) through sports at Chandigarh in the GSEF 2018 at Bilbao in Spain.

Mr. Vivek Trivedi presented the social initiative titled “Building Capacities of Persons with Disabilities through Sports (Cricket in particular) for inclusive development leading to Social Solidarity” in a technical session on Social Economy in the objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development chaired by Dr. Miguel Angel Cabra de Luna.

In his session, he highlighted the background of the initiative, key objectives, collaborations, failures/limitations and future roadmap. He shared that the association was inspired by the *Sport for Development and Peace International Working Group* (SDP IWG) hosted by the *United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace* (UNOSDP). He said that the initiative was conceived by Mrs. Rekha Trivedi, the Secretary General of the *Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners* (APSWDP).



He said that the emphasis was on *creating a network of sports organization working with persons with disabilities to foster the Sport for Development & Peace*, enable practitioners, Non-Government Organizations, donors, and corporate houses to learn about and implement effective Sport for Development programmes.

He has also rolled out a following future road map in establishing the wheelchair sport (cricket) in India and also in other countries:

- Standardization, uniformity w.r.t. mainstreamed cricket governed by ICC and classification of players
- Development of *city/state/country level network and federation of wheelchair cricket* for not immediate branding and global character but to propagate *and identify persons with disabilities in rural, under developed, tuff geographical terrains and remote areas in the country for developing motivation and urge to move and grow through sports.*
- *Gaining support from Government and Paralympics bodies to recognize wheelchair cricket too as it involves more than 22 players at a time, a team sports.*
- Lobbying with government to create *accessible sports infrastructure* and talk inclusive sports too.



The session was also attended by Mrs. Rekha Trivedi, Social Activist and Secretary General, *Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP)*, Founder/Promoter, Wheelchair Cricket Federation of India (WCFI), President Tricity, Human Rights Protection Front (HRPF) and Vice President Sports Promotion Organization (SPO), India.



Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP) has made a visit to BIDAIDEAK BILBAO BSR on invitation of Mr. Txema Alonso President in Spain in addition to three social cooperatives in Spain namely BBK Bilbao Good Hostel, SARTU, PEÑASCAL S. COOP.