

ABSTRACT

Human Security and Inclusion; A Canadian Contribution to the World outlines a model for an inclusive human security agenda for Canada as part of both a foreign policy and a development agenda. The purpose is to initiate a dialogue on human security and inclusion within the context of a larger inclusive foreign policy agenda. Canada is uniquely suited to lead a debate, both bilaterally and within the United Nations, about innovative approaches to human security that draw from a model of inclusion and call for systems and processes to be developed in ways that support participation and opportunity for all citizens.

Applying a human security approach to foreign policy can help to protect and address the marginalization of the over 450 million people with disabilities in the developing world. In turn, the human security concept can benefit from the inclusion model, which seeks to transform economic, political, social and cultural systems and processes into ones that are more participatory and inclusive. The paper demonstrates how adopting an inclusion lens can serve a human security agenda by advancing the assumption that systems that can include people with disabilities, due to the extreme marginalization of disability, can also provide the best possible systems to include the majority of marginalized groups.

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