

# **Deborah Stienstra**

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author, researcher, advocate, speaker on inclusion, accessibility, gender-based analysis, disability policy, and global development

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## **Biography**

For more than twenty years, I've been researching, teaching and building relationships to make change in this world. I work for transformative inclusion so that diverse women and men with disabilities, Indigenous people, and girls and boys from around the world can participate in their communities and societies. I work to create spaces for stories and insights to be shared.

I engage with students, researchers, policy makers, and the public to share what I learn. As a result my research can be found in academic publications, on websites, Twitter and Facebook as well as in FactSheets and Policy Impact Papers. My research partners are those who have seen the need to tell the stories and advocate for change.

My research covers a range of sectors including resource development, global development, information technologies, end of life care, health care, trade relations and others.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Research, Women, Public Policy

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Disability Rights, Disability Access and Advocate, Gender analysis, Women, International Development, Disability Policy, Inclusion and Diversity, Global Development, Resource Development, Environmental Assessment

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## **Education**

**York University**

Ph.D. Political Science

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M.A. Political Science

**University of Alberta**

B.A. Honours Political Science

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## **Accomplishments**

## **United Nations Expert Group Meeting on Women and Girls with Disabilities**

The purpose of the United Nations Meeting in Santiago, Chile, is to identify strategies and develop recommendations to amplify the voices of women with disabilities and address persistent barriers to their empowerment, including by building synergies between gender equality and disability inclusion, addressing the intersectionality of gender and disability and mainstreaming gender equality and disability in the operationalization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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