

# **Marrakesh Treaty**

## **Role Of Authorized Entities: with references to National Library of Jamaica**

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# For Whom

- **People who are blind**
- **People who have a visual impairment including perceptual impairment such as dyslexia**
- **People with a physical disability which prevents them from holding or turning the pages of a book**

# WHY

To end the book/ print famine experienced by persons who are blind or who have physical impairments which prevent them from having access to print material.

Spinoff--to advance national proclamations about equity of access and the human rights of the disabled—what does

—Jamaica Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms (2011) *the right to seek, receive, distribute or disseminate information, opinions and ideas through any media;*

# HOW & WHAT

- **Creation of an accessible format from an inaccessible format. Accessible format meaning “ *access as feasibly and comfortably as for a person without visual impairment or other print disability*” Braille, large print, electronic format**
- **Born –accessible format**
- **Published Literary and artistic works in the form of text, notation or illustration**
- **E newspapers, magazines, comics, webpages**

# Authorized Entities

Any such non-profit entity designated as an authorized entity.

- National Library of Jamaica
- Jamaica Council for Persons with Disability

# Roles of Authorized Entities

- Creation
- Collaboration
  - Publishers
  - Beneficiaries organizations
  - Other authorized entities
- Authentication of beneficiaries
- Distribution of accessible resources
- Ensuring Intellectual Freedom and Privacy
- Institutionalize the exemptions and monitor for adherence

# Thank You



Mr. Vivian Blake demonstrates digital talking book reader on the occasion of the launch on July 12, 2006 of the digital talking books produced by NLJ and REU.