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### **Partnerships for advocacy**

Creating partnerships as part of your advocacy efforts can strengthen your efforts by creating a stronger voice. Sharing expertise with other organizations and individuals can fill existing gaps in your advocacy efforts. It is important to make sure your organization's partnerships include persons with disabilities and organizations of persons with disabilities (OPD) to make sure you are amplifying their voice rather than speaking on their behalf. For more information on partnering with OPDs, see the Implementation Tip on Partnering with Organizations of Persons with Disabilities for Inclusive Local Development. Separately from OPDs, below are two examples of partnerships and their benefits.

### **Practical international frameworks to advance disability rights advocacy**

Existing international policy and legal frameworks (see Box 1) can and should be used as tools to advance advocacy efforts related to persons with disabilities. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Agenda 2030 set international standards that can inform advocacy plans.

Civil society can raise awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities and advocate for their rights by:

- Using the CRPD as an advocacy tool, reminding governments that are treaty parties to follow internationally-recognized standards of disability rights and inclusion
- Participating in SDG forums and platforms, including the HLPF.
- Using reporting and monitoring mechanisms – such as the VNRs, the Universal Periodic Review, and the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities - to hold governments accountable to commitments made in the SDGs and to human rights treaties they have ratified.

At the country level, as stakeholders, persons with disabilities have a role in the oversight of government commitments to the SDGs.