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Main messages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Marrakesh Visually Impaired Persons Treaty (2013) together with other initiatives such as the Accessible Books Consortium (ABC) can have a tremendous impact in the production and distribution via the Internet of accessible books worldwide. - The book famine and the lack of access to information is directly linked to the low rate of employment of people with disabilities. - The book famine is only partially caused by legal issues; technological and economic factors including access to the Internet are often the major barriers. - The network of libraries around the globe could play a key role in enabling customized and targeted access to people with disabilities. - Enabling access for people with disabilities other than visual impairment, presents specific challenges that need to be addressed in parallel.