The Global Disability Summit (GDS18) will raise global attention on a long-neglected area, mobilise new global and national commitments on disability inclusion and showcase good practice, innovation and evidence from across the world.

Globally, an estimated one billion people have a disability, of which 800 million live in developing countries. In these countries, disability is both a cause and consequence of poverty and people often face significant barriers that prevent them from participating fully in society, including getting a quality education and employment.

Our ambition is to make GDS18 a world-first and a landmark celebration of the achievements and rights of people with disabilities, and one that creates renewed action, partnership and accountability to deliver lasting change for people with disabilities around the world. We must strive for real change through the implementation on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD) and the delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals for persons with disabilities.

The Summit is built around four themes (dignity and respect for all, inclusive education, economic empowerment and technology and innovation) and includes additional crosscutting and strategic spotlight sessions. We are building a movement of change, and we invite you all to be part of the legacy of the Summit and sign the GDS18 Charter for Change: an expression of our collective ambition commitment that unites us all.
MONDAY 23 JULY

0830 – 1000
Registration Opens

1000 – 1030
CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM
Opening Session
Plenary Room

1030 – 1145
CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM
Plenary Room
Implementation of the CRPD: What Civil Society Sees Is Needed To Achieve Full and Effective Implementation.

1145 – 1215
Coffee Break and Networking

1215 – 1330
CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM
Plenary Room
The 2030 Agenda: Providing An Impetus for Implementation Of The CRPD.

1330 – 1445
Lunch and Networking

1400 – 1430
Data Workshop
Spotlight Room 1

1445 – 1600
CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM
Plenary Room
The Key Role Of Capacity Building At National And Grassroots Levels To Advance The Realisation Of The Rights Of Persons With Disabilities.

1630 – 1715
CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM
Plenary Room
Looking Ahead After The Summit.

1700 – 1830
Private Sector Meeting
INVITE ONLY
Spotlight 1

1715 – 1745
CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM
Closing Remarks
Plenary Room

1830 – 2030
Evening Reception
INVITE ONLY
First floor
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TUESDAY 24 JULY

GLOBAL DISABILITY SUMMIT

0830 – 1000
Registration, Marketplace Tours and Special Olympics Basketball Demonstration
Outside Arena

0900 – 0930
Ministerial Breakfast
INVITE ONLY
First Floor

1000 – 1100
GLOBAL DISABILITY SUMMIT
Opening Session
Plenary Room
Request to be seated by 0945

1100 – 1150
GLOBAL DISABILITY SUMMIT
Session 1: Dignity and Respect For All
Plenary Room

1150 – 1215
Coffee Break and Networking

1215 – 1300
SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS
Understanding Gender, Disability, Voice and Violence.
Plenary Room

1300 – 1400
Lunch and Networking

1330 – 1400
Screening of ‘Silent Child’ and Q&A with Maisie Sly and Rachel Shenton.
Spotlight Room 1
Open session

1400 – 1445
Africa Disability Protocol: from Ratification to Implementation.
Roundtable Room 2
1445 - 1530
Humanitarian Leaders
Roundtable Room 1
1545 - 1630

1215 – 1630
ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS
INVITE ONLY
Establishing ‘AT scale’, A global partnership for assistive technology.
Roundtable Room 3
1215 - 1300
Private Sector Strategic Partnership in Kenya.
Roundtable Room 2
1400 - 1445

1215 – 1630
Unlimited Potential: The Power of Inclusive Leadership.
Spotlight Room 2

1100 – 1150

1215 – 1300

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1400 - 1445
SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS
From Promise to Practice: Increasing the Voice of People with Disabilities in Humanitarian Response.
Plenary Room

From Isolation to Inclusion: Disability Inclusion and Infrastructure.
Spotlight Room 1

Leave No One Behind: Diverse Experiences, Common Goals.
Spotlight Room 2

My Health, My Rights: Promoting the Sexual and Reproductive and Health Rights of People With Disabilities.
Spotlight Room 3

1445 – 1500
Coffee Break and Networking

1500 – 1545
GLOBAL DISABILITY SUMMIT
Session 2: Inclusive Education
Plenary Room

1545 – 1630
GLOBAL DISABILITY SUMMIT
Session 3: Economic Empowerment
Plenary Room

1645 – 1730
GLOBAL DISABILITY SUMMIT
Session 4: Technology and Innovation
Plenary Room

1730 – 1815
GLOBAL DISABILITY SUMMIT
Commitments and Closing Remarks
Plenary Room
Including keynote speech from UK Secretary of State for International Development.

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**Spotlight Sessions**

**1215 - 1300**

**Understanding Gender, Disability, Voice and Violence**

**Plenary Room**
Around the globe women and girls with disabilities are at a greater risk of experiencing violence than women and girls without a disability. However when empowered they can act as powerful agents for change and as strong and able leaders within the gender and disability communities.

This session will explore the unique challenges girls and women with disabilities face as well as delivering case studies looking at successful interventions and innovative research in this field.

**Beyond Immediate Needs: Lessons From Syria and The Region**

**Spotlight Room 1**
The spotlight session will highlight the challenges of meeting both immediate and longer-term rights and needs of people with disabilities as part of the humanitarian response in Syria and neighbouring countries. It will demonstrate innovative approaches and best practice to tackling challenges faced by persons with disability in situations of conflict and those who are displaced.

**Unlimited Potential: The Power of Inclusive Leadership**

**Spotlight Room 2**
This spotlight session looks at the visibility and inclusion of leaders with disabilities in professional fields. In two TED talk style segments, a pair of high profile speakers will give powerful personal talks reflecting on their experience; both positive and negative of being a sector leader who has a disability. This will be a discursive session with opportunities for audience question and answer.

**Ending Invisibility: Disability Data and Inclusive Development**

**Spotlight Room 3**
This session will build awareness of the disability data that already exists and how that data can be used. It will identify what further action is needed by Governments and other organisations to strengthen disability data as a critical building block for disability inclusive development. We will hear about the tools that can be used by partner countries to collect accurate disability data and case studies of good practice.

**Spotlight Sessions**

**1400 - 1445**

**From Promise to Practice: Increasing the Voice of People with Disabilities in Humanitarian Response**

**Plenary Room**
This spotlight will focus on addressing existing obstacles to implementing commitments on disability inclusion in humanitarian action. It will examine efforts made by agencies, disabled peoples’ organisations and donors to ensure equal access to services and the participation of persons with disabilities. The session will reaffirm commitment to policy commitments, promote practical implementation, and showcase new tools.

**From Isolation to Inclusion: Disability Inclusion and Infrastructure**

**Spotlight Room 1**
Infrastructure is the physical barrier to a truly inclusive society, acting as a blocker to freedom of movement and engagement for people with disabilities. National and local environments must enable infrastructure to be designed from the very beginning to be fit for purpose and for all. This session will demonstrate how governments and industry are innovating to remove the physical barriers in infrastructure to meet Sustainable Development Goal 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation.

**Leave No One Behind: Diverse Experiences, Common Goals**

**Spotlight Room 2**
Taking a people-centred approach, this spotlight will explore the challenges faced by people with disabilities when compounded by discrimination based on other identities. It will explore the diverse experience of disability across the life course. The session will consider how adopting a full understanding of intersectionality over the life course is critical to ending siloed ways of working and helps us leave no one behind.

**My Health, My Rights: Promoting the Sexual and Reproductive and Health Rights of People with Disabilities**

**Spotlight Room 3**
Research shows people with disabilities are just as sexually active as people without disabilities. However, the sexual and reproductive health and rights of people with disabilities have historically been denied and ignored. This spotlight will showcase successful examples of service delivery in multiple contexts and emphasise the importance of addressing the intersectional stigmas and taboos associated with sexual health and disability.
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MARKETPLACE

The following organisations are exhibiting throughout the venue, showcasing new policy and technology for people with disabilities.