

# GLOBAL DISABILITY SUMMIT



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# INTRODUCTION

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.



- ▶ **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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For more information on the Forum, please visit:  
[internationaldisabilityalliance.org/summit](https://internationaldisabilityalliance.org/summit)

▶ **0830 – 1000**

**Registration,  
Marketplace  
Tours and Special  
Olympics Basketball  
Demonstration**

*Outside Arena*

▶ **0900 – 0930**

**Ministerial Breakfast**

INVITE ONLY

*First Floor*

▶ **1000 – 1100**

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**Opening Session**

*Plenary Room*

**Request to be  
seated by 0945**

▶ **1100 – 1150**

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**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*

Beyond Immediate  
Needs: Lessons from Syria  
and The Region.

*Spotlight Room 1*

Unlimited Potential:  
The Power of Inclusive  
Leadership.

*Spotlight Room 2*

Ending Invisibility:  
Disability Data and  
Inclusive Development.

*Spotlight Room 3*

▶ **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**

Our Voice = Our Future.  
*Roundtable Room 3*  
**1400 - 1445**

Africa Disability Protocol:  
from Ratification to  
Implementation .

*Roundtable Room 2*

**1445 - 1530**

Humanitarian Leaders  
*Roundtable Room 1*  
**1545 - 1630**

▶ **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

#### **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

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#### **Session 2: Inclusive Education** *Plenary Room*

### ▶ 1545 - 1630

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#### **Session 3: Economic Empowerment** *Plenary Room*

### ▶ 1645 - 1730

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#### **Session 4: Technology and Innovation** *Plenary Room*

### ▶ 1730 - 1815

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#### **Commitments and Closing Remarks** *Plenary Room*

Including keynote speech from UK Secretary of State for International Development.



# SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS

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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.

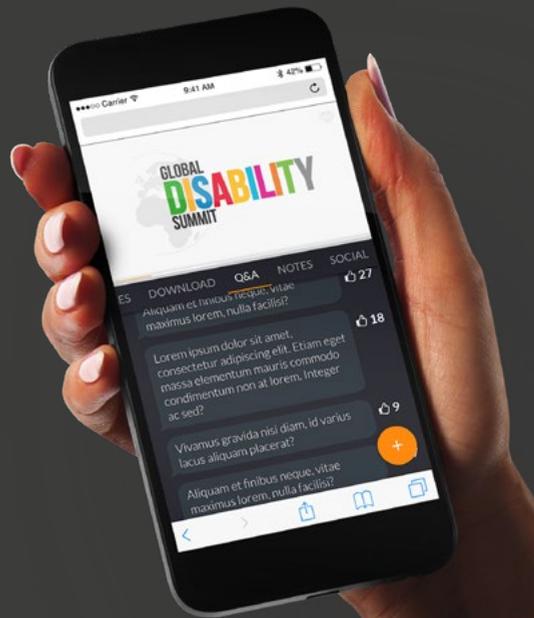
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# MARKETPLACE

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





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