

1. Your organisation:

Type of organisation: National Government

Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection

2. Charter for Change

Please read the attached Summit Charter for Change: the principal legacy of the Summit. If your organisation is happy to sign up to the Charter, please confirm by putting a cross in the box below.

My organisation signs up to the Summit Charter for Change

3. Your organisation's commitments to achieve the rights of people with disabilities in developing countries:

A.

Please select the category which your commitment most relates to:

Stereotypes, attitudes and behaviours

Government would intensify awareness raising activities in churches,mosques,schools,communities.Parents,families,communities,religious,traditiona l authorities, policymakers, Parliamentarians would be educated on the need to do away with religious and cultural practices that stigmatise and discriminate against Persons with disabilities. Rather they should embrace them as their children, siblings, parents, schoolmates, co-workers and respect their rights as members of the society.

It is an ongoing exercise. A communication strategy has been developed. Media, community, schools, churches are used channels of communicating disability messages

Commitments to eliminate Stigma and Discrimination:

B.

Please select the category which your commitment most relates to:

Additional resources and implementation

The Ministry of Education and Ghana and Ghana Education Service is committed to accelerating the implementation of the IE policy and will prioritize:

1. Increased provision of infrastructural facilities for addressing the diverse learning needs of Children with SEND(Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) and prioritize the training of teachers to support inclusive schools and special schools.
2. Progressively increasing the budgetary allocations for Inclusive Education, beginning with 1.5 percent increment in 2019.

Commitments for Inclusive Education:

C.

Please select the category which your commitment most relates to:

Amending legal frameworks

A technical committee with representations from Ministries, Department and Agencies (MDAs), Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs) and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) has been constituted to lead the review of the Ghana Disability Act,2006(Act 715) in line with the UNCRPD.

The Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MGCSP) would provide the committee with the required resources to work. It would also collaborate with other state institutions like Ministry of Justice and Attorney-General and Parliament to speed up the process. The review would include the required Legislative Instrument (LI).

Timeframe: April 2018 December,2018

Commitments for Economic Empowerment:

D.

Please select the category which your commitment most relates to:

Policy and guidance

Government policy on Technology and innovation would target more Persons with disabilities. Institutions would be encouraged to use Innovation and Technology to create employment for Persons with disabilities.

This is an ongoing effort.

Commitments for Technology and Innovation:

E.

Please select the category which your commitment most relates to:

Commit resources to support strengthened disability data

More resources would be provided to support programmes by the Ghana National Household Registry to compile data on Persons with disabilities.

The exercise which has been completed in two regions in the northern part of Ghana would be extended to the remaining eight regions of Ghana by December 2019

Commitments for Women and Girls with Disabilities:

F.

Please enter the exact wording of the commitment/s, including details of others who have supported its development (75 words limit):

Empowerment

Provisions on women with disability and girls would be included in the Affirmative Action bill under discussion by December,2018

G. Commitments for people with disabilities in Humanitarian Contexts:

To strengthen previous initiatives,a number of consultations would be held with the National Disaster Management to mainstream disability needs and concerns in its humanitarian activities.

Timeframe: 2018 onwards

H. Commitments for people with disabilities in Humanitarian Contexts:

Please enter the exact wording of any other commitment/s that do not fall under the themes above, including details of others who have supported its development (75 words limit):

Accessibility

Ghana has developed the Ghana Accessibility Standard for the built environment. Government commits to work with relevant agencies to make the provisions in the Standard an integral part of the building regulations and being implemented by approval agencies by December, 2019