In LMIC countries more than 32 million children with disabilities are out of school. Exclusion from education is often the beginning of lifelong exclusion from society. Without reversing this fact, the 2030 Agenda cannot be successful. This side event addresses the funding needed, possible solutions and the importance of partnerships.

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