11th Conference of States Parties to the Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Side-event

**From Words to Action:**

**Holding ourselves to account for Global Disability Summit Commitments.**

*Thursday, June 14, 2018, 4:45-6 pm*

*Conference room C, UN Headquarters*

Event Concept

A consultative panel discussion exploring options for development of an accountability mechanism to deliver the commitments to be made at the Global Disability Summit 2018.

Background

The UK Department for International Development (DFID), the Government of Kenya and the International Disability Alliance (IDA) will co-host a Global Disability Summit in London on 24 July 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/global-disability-summit-2018> The Summit will aim to galvanise global efforts to achieve greater inclusion of people with disabilities in the poorest countries in the world and provide a platform for major change on this neglected issue.

We hope 24th July will be a historic day for disability inclusion; however, success will be measured in the weeks, months and years that follow. It is crucial that as we develop themes, commitments and a programme for the Summit we also develop a mechanism to enable the monitoring of commitments and maintain the momentum that the Summit will generate.

Objectives

* To provide an update on DFID and IDA’s thinking to date on ensuring accountability for commitments made at the Global Disability Summit.
* To broaden our consultation and hear views from as many partners and interested parties as possible on developing an effective, inclusive accountability mechanism.

Event format

The side event will provide an important platform to hear views from a wide range of actors from the Disability Movement.

DFID and IDA will briefly set out thinking so far on developing an accountability mechanism for Global Disability Summit Commitments. There will then be an interactive, moderated discussion between panel members and the audience exploring key questions:

1. What are the most important components of an accountability mechanism for Global Disability Summit commitments.
2. How can we develop a mechanism to best support and encourage accountability at a national level without undermining in any way existing responsibilities under CRPD?
3. A comprehensive mechanism will also need to track commitments made by other stakeholders not party to the CRPD including CSOs and private sector organisations. How can it best do so?

Presenters and panellists to include (others tbc):

* Vladimir Cuk, Chief Executive, International Disability Alliance (IDA)
* Penny Innes, Head of Disability Inclusion Team, UK Department for International Development (DFID)
* Dominic Haslam, Director of Policy and Programme Strategy at Sightsavers and Chair of the International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC).
* Nelly Caleb, Co-Chair Pacific Disability Forum (PDF).