**Global Disability Summit, 24 July 2018**

**Aim**. DFID’s vision for disability inclusion is*: ‘to ensure people with disabilities are consistently and systematically included in international development and humanitarian assistance’*. We will host a Global Disability Summit in July this year to galvanise the global effort to address disability inclusion in the poorest countries in the world and act as the start point for major change on this neglected issue.

**Objectives.** The Summit will:

* raise global attention and focus on a neglected area;
* bring in new voices and approaches to broaden engagement;
* mobilise new global and national commitments on disability; and,
* showcase best practice and evidence from across the world.

**Event details**.The Summit will be held in London at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on 24 July 2018.

**Partners**. In line with the principle of ‘*nothing about us, without us*’, DFID will co-host the Summit with the International Disability Alliance (IDA). This will ensure people with disabilities are central to the planning and delivery of the summit. We are also seeking a developing country co-host and partnerships with the private sector and/or foundations.

**Participants.** The event will be led by people with disabilities from the UK and the global community. Attendance will be high-level: Government Ministers, heads of donor agencies and civil society organisations and CEOs of private sector companies.

**Themes and priorities**.In consultation with IDA, the UK Civil Society BOND Disability and Development Group, the IDDC, UN agencies, the World Bank and other important stakeholders – we have undertaken a process of consultation on the Summit themes and priorities. Whilst these are still to be finalised, a number of building blocks have been identified which will underpin the approach to catalysing change throughout the Summit:

1. catalysing **political will** towards change and building collective responsibility;
2. improving **data and evidence** to raise awareness of the scale of the problem and learning on how to address barriers and;
3. supporting the **leadership and representation** of people with disabilities to increase voice, choice and control.

**Commitments.** As well as showcasing best practice, the Summit will aim to generate sustainable commitments from developing country governments, donors, civil society, foundations and the private sector.  We envisage these to focus on inclusive education, employment and livelihood opportunities, technology / innovation and tackling stigma and discrimination.

**Commonwealth Summit**: Our approach to influencing will build on the Commonwealth Summit in April which will host 52 heads of state in the UK. Disability inclusion is likely to be a priority that runs throughout the Summit.

**Country engagement**: We will focus initially on 10 Commonwealth countries: Kenya, Rwanda, Malawi, South Africa, Ghana, Nigeria, India, Uganda, Zambia and Bangladesh (see further info on each below). However, this list is not exhaustive and we want to utilise networks and the comparative advantage of GLAD members. We are also exploring the possibility of satellite national-level Summits in a number of countries.

1. **Kenya** - GLAD organisations: Education – FORMIN (Finland); Employment – Abilis Foundation; Health – DFID. International NGOs: Sightsavers, CBM, HI, Basic Needs, HelpAge, Deaf Child Worldwide, Able Child, World Vision, Sense International, United Purpose, Islamic Relief, Child Hope, Leonard Cheshire Disability, Inclusion International.
2. **Rwanda** - GLAD Organisations: Education - Disability Rights Fund and Disability Rights Advocacy Fund (DRF-DRAF); Employment – DRF-DRAF. International NGOs: CBM, HI, Able Child, Water Aid, Leonard Cheshire Disability.
3. **Malawi** - GLAD organisations: Education – DFID, DRF-DRAF and FORMIN; Employment – DFID; Health – DFID, DRF – DRAF. International NGOs: Sightsavers, CBM, World Vision, United Purpose, Islamic Relief, WaterAid, Inclusion International.
4. **South Africa** - GLAD organisations: No known presence. International NGOs: CBM, World Vision, DeafKidz,, Islamic Relief, Lenoard Cheshire International, Inclusion International.
5. **Ghana** - GLAD organisations: Education - DRF-DRAF; Employment – Abilis Foundation; Health – DFAT, DRF-DRAF. International NGOs: Sightsavers, CBM, Basic Needs, United Purpose, Water Aid, Inclusion International.
6. **Nigeria** - GLAD organisations: Health – DFAT (Australia) International NGOs: Sightsavers, CBM, BasicNeeds, Fred Hollows, Leprosy Mission, United Purpose, WaterAid, Leonard Cheshire Disability.
7. **India** - GLAD organisations: Health – DFAT (Australia) International NGOs: Sightsavers, CBM, HI, BasicNeeds, Leprosy Mission, Lepra, Deaf Child, World Vision, Sense International, United Purpose, Islamic Relief, Child Hope, WaterAid, Leonard Cheshire Disability.
8. **Uganda -** GLAD organisations: Education – DRF-DRAF; Employment – Abilis Foundation, DFID, DRF-DRAF; Health – DRF-DRAF; Social Protection – DFID. International NGOs: Sightsavers, HI, Basic Needs, Deaf Child, Able Child, World Vision, Sense International, ChildHope, Water Aid, Leonard Cheshire Disability.
9. **Zambia** - GLAD organisations: No known presence. International NGOs: Sightsavers, World Vision, United Purpose, Water Aid, Leonard Cheshire Disability.
10. **Bangladesh -** GLAD organisations: Education - Abilis Foundation; Employment – Abilis Foundation, DFID, DRF-DRAF, GIZ (German); Health – DFID, DFAT, Social Protection – DRF-DRAF. International NGOs: Sightsavers, HI, Fred Hollows, Leprosy, Lepra, Deaf Child, World Vision, Sense International, Carers, United Purpose, Islamic Relief, Child Hope, Water Aid, Leonard Cheshire Disability.