**UK GLOBAL DISABILITY SUMMIT**

**Update from Civil Society**

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# Important Announcements

* 41 more days to go until the start of the Global Disability Summit! Preparations are being made. 70 DPO representatives have been invited to attend the Summit; representing every region, approximately 50% of the representatives are women, and they include representation from all major disability groups.
* IDA, together with the Civil Society Reference Group, has developed the preliminary program of the Civil Society Forum on 23 July. See below or IDA’s website.
* IDA is conducting a process to gather speakers for the Civil Society Forum.
* IDA is helping facilitate a discussion with UK DPOs to see how to bring their viewpoints into the Global Disability Summit. More in the next update.
* If you are a DPO and received an official invitation from IDA please be sure to complete the online registration form as soon as possible.
* If you are a DPO and received an official invitation from IDA you have an opportunity to nominate yourself for a speaking role at the Civil Society Forum. For more information email [Summit@ida-secretariat.org](mailto:Summit@ida-secretariat.org).
* The next conference call of the Thematic Working Group on Routes to Economic Empowerment will be 19 June.
* Rwanda will hold a mini-Summit on 26 June 2018 in Kigali and Bangladesh will hold theirs on 11 July 2018.

# Civil Society Forum

* IDA in consultation with the Civil Society Reference Group developed a preliminary programme for the Civil Society Forum as follows:

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| 10:00-10:30 | **Opening Session** |
| 10:30-11:45 | **Implementation of the CRPD: What Civil Society sees is needed to achieve full and effective implementation**  **Session objective:**  To outline/clarify what is needed to achieve effective CRPD implementation from a civil society standpoint. Agree on what contributions each sector can bring to the table. |
| 11:45-12:15 | *Break and Networking* |
| 12:15-1:30 | **The 2030 Agenda: Providing an impetus for implementation of the CRPD**  **Session objective:**  To outline and clarify how the 2030 Agenda can be an impetus for CPRD implementation. To provide examples of how this is already being done and how it could be done better (e.g. provide tools or know-how to build capacity among various stakeholders). |
| *1.30 – 2.45* | *Lunch and Networking* | |
| 2.45-4.00 | **The key role of capacity building at national and grassroots levels to advance the realization of the rights of persons with disabilities**  **Session objective:**  To outline/clarify what is needed in terms of capacity at the national and grassroots levels among various stakeholders to achieve effective CRPD implementation. |
| 4:00-4:30 | *Break and Networking* |
| 4.30-5.15 | **Looking Ahead After the Summit**  **Session objective:**  To outline/clarify how organizations can partner to follow up on Commitments made at the Summit and the key role of Civil Society. |
| 5:15-5:45 | **Closing Session** |

# National Consultations towards Commitments

Latest Country Updates:

* + Kenya – at a mini-Summit held in May, the Ministry outlined a set of commitments, which they will be finalising in the next couple of weeks
  + Bangladesh – there is a civil society group working closely with the government to identify commitments – these will be agreed and communicated at an event in early July
  + Uganda – the Technical Working Group has finished work into the context of disability policy in Uganda; the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development is finalising a set of commitments that will be presented in early July at a National Dialogue meeting
  + Nigeria – the Government has consulted with national DPOs and partner organisations, it has held a number of meetings to discuss commitments, and is now in the process of finalising them ahead of the Summit.

# Updates from the Thematic Working Groups

## Inclusive Education Working Group

The *Statement of Action to Accelerate Equitable and Quality Inclusive Education for Children and Youth with Disabilities* has been finalized.  It was not possible to schedule a consultation on the Global Education Monitoring Report in conjunction with the Summit as previously reported.  Further updates will be provided at the meeting of the GLAD Education Working Group which will take place on June 15, following COSP in New York.

## Routes to Economic Empowerment

The next economic empowerment working group is scheduled for 19th June, where the group will go over the economic empowerment sessions at GDS18.

Technology and Innovation

## Nothing new to report since the last update.

## Stigma and Discrimination

Nothing new to report since the last update.

## Humanitarian Action (cross-cutting)

Nothing new to report since the last update.

# For more information

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