**UK GLOBAL DISABILITY SUMMIT**

**Update from Civil Society**

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# Special Note on Invitations

* As stated in the previous update, there was a technical glitch and DFID sent invitations to a number of DPOs regarding the Summit. Please disregard the invitations if you are a DPO and were nominated through the IDA led process.
* Official communications regarding invitations for DPOs will be sent out by IDA in the near future.
* In addition, it is important that DPOs invited by IDA know that their participation costs will be covered by IDA. Should anyone receive an email saying they must pay, please inform IDA at summit@ida-secretariat.org, as those are scams.

# Updates from the Civil Society Reference Group (CSRG)

* For the full description of the roles, membership and methods of working for the CSRG, [Download the Terms of Reference to the Civil Society Reference Group](http://www.internationaldisabilityalliance.org/sites/default/files/tor_gds_civil_society_reference_group.docx)
* Since early March the CRSG has formed two working groups. The first focused on defining and carrying out the DPO nomination and selection process. The review process is nearly finalised and invitations should be going out this week. The second is focused on the Civil Society Forum and the group has begun to put together the programme.

## Civil Society Forum

* As noted in the previous updates, the Civil Society Forum will take place 23 July, a day prior to the Summit, in the same venue as the Summit. Everyone invited to the Summit will also be invited to the Forum. If space is available, additional DPO representatives from the UK and surrounding countries that will not need a visa will be invited to attend. That will become clearer in early to mid-June. The aim is to provide a platform for civil society to come together and agree on key messages to bring to the Summit. The Forum is a pre-Summit preparation meeting.
* The Working Group responsible for drafting the Forum programme plans to have a version to share by the end of May.
* In the meantime, we can share that the programme will begin at 10 am and run until around 6:00 pm. The Forum will cover topics such as what civil society sees is needed to achieve full and effective implementation of the CRPD, how the 2030 Agenda can provide an impetus for implementation of the CRPD, and the key role of capacity building at various levels to advance the realization of the rights of persons with disabilities. The overarching aim is to amplify the voice of persons with disabilities and their representative organizations and bring that voice to the Summit the next day.

## Co-moderators of the main Summit

* DFID asked civil society to provide proposals for co-moderators for the main summit.
* IDA will provide more information on moderators once a decision is made.

# National Consultations towards Commitments

* DFID country teams have been asked to organise national coordination mechanisms ahead of the Summit in 13 countries (see list under the first section of this update). See the first IDA update on 16 April for more background information on these mechanisms.
* Below are updates from countries currently available. If you are engaged with the national coordination mechanism in another country for the Summit and would be willing to provide us with an update, please email Summit@ida-secretariat.org. If you are not already involved and would like to get involved, try to find a local contact. Since these activities are led at the country level, we do not have a full overview of when they are happening or who is leading, however if you are in one of the priority countries and are not able to find a contact, please email summit@ida-secretariat.org and we will do our best to get a contact person for you.

Country Updates:

* + Kenya – has held a mini-Summit (yesterday), where the Kenya Disability Situational Analysis was verified and 9 commitments were agreed. There will be a write up soon
	+ Uganda – working groups have finalised a range of papers, which will be used by the government to develop a range of commitments. There will be a national dialogue in June to consult on these draft commitments before they are finalised
	+ Zambia – there has been a wide-ranging consultation with DPOs across the country. The results of this are being analysed and will be discussed, with a view to agreeing a commitment, in mid-June at a stakeholder meeting
	+ Nigeria – there will be a stakeholder meeting to validate the Government’s disability policy and develop the commitment for the GDS in late May
	+ Pakistan – a range of consultation meetings will be held in late-May and June to collect a range of potential commitments, these will be discussed and agreed by the government in time for a parallel Summit to be held in July
* If you are engaged with GDS activities at the national level in another country not already listed above and have information to share, please email Summit@ida-secretariat.org and we will add it to the next update.

## Further Details on Kenya Mini-Summit

The Kenyan Government through the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, hosted a mini summit to help build on Kenya commitments which will be presented at the London Summit on July 24th this year. Over 200 people attended; as the event brought together different stakeholders within the disability network, government officials from the Ministry, government commissions and committees pushing for the rights of persons with disabilities, local NGOs and INGOs working with persons with disabilities.

Specific objectives of the Mini Summit were:

* To develop an analytical country status report to form the basis for gaps identification and subsequent commitments;
* To identify and prioritize gaps on protection and promotion of disability rights;
* To develop consensus on commitments we would like the country to consider

The following keynote speeches were made:

1. DFID acting Head of Office; Sarah Montgomery,
2. The Principal secretary Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
3. Chief Administrative Officer on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary in the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection,
4. Customer Service director Safaricom Plc
5. Invited Guest, Nominated Senator; Hon Isaac Mwaura

The event was held ahead of the Global Summit, to prepare Kenya to participate as co-host to the Global Disability Summit as well as take part in the summit activities. There was a number of Invited local media who covered the event live and aired it later in the evening news.

Special stand-outs at the event

<https://youtu.be/o04BKBNkQs4>

*Alice Wairimu, a form three student living with dwarfism explained to the crowd some of the challenges she goes through in school. “My biggest challenge includes reaching my desk, carrying my bucket, I cannot engage in cross country games for fear of being stumped on by my classmates,” Wairimu noted. “The infrastructure is also not tailor made for PWD’s as I have to climb stairs to reach the lecture hall.”*

Speeches and highlights on media

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-mj4Dss5JQ>

<https://bit.ly/2xbtNzB>

<https://www.capitalfm.co.ke/news/2018/05/persons-with-disability-demand-equal-rights/>

The next steps are for the planning committee to collate the key highlights and commitments suggested within the deep dive discussions under each theme and concretise what Kenya should prepare as commitments for the July 24th event.

# Updates from the Thematic Working Groups

## Stigma and Discrimination

Nothing new to report since the last update.

## Inclusive Education Working Group

Nothing new to report since the last update.

Technology and Innovation

## Nothing new to report since the last update.

## Routes to Economic Empowerment

The EE Working Group had its third meeting on the 16th May and prior to this, subgroups had been formed to work on our target commitments/deliverables under each of the four outcomes. This work was discussed during the working group meeting, with these commitments now being distilled down to a final menu of commitments we are using in our discussions with key partners. The focus is now turning to a discussion of the economic empowerment plenary session at the summit itself.

## Humanitarian Action (cross-cutting)

Nothing new to report since the last update.

# Coming up

* Rwanda Shadow Summit in advance of the Global Disability Summit2018 is schedule to be held on Tuesday 26th June 2018, at Kigali Convention Centre and a Civil Society preparation event for the Shadow Summit is scheduled for Wednesday, 6 June. For more information contact Nzovu Job Ruzage at rightsrwanda@gmail.com.

# For more information

The persons listed below may be contacted for general information on the thematic Working Groups only:

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